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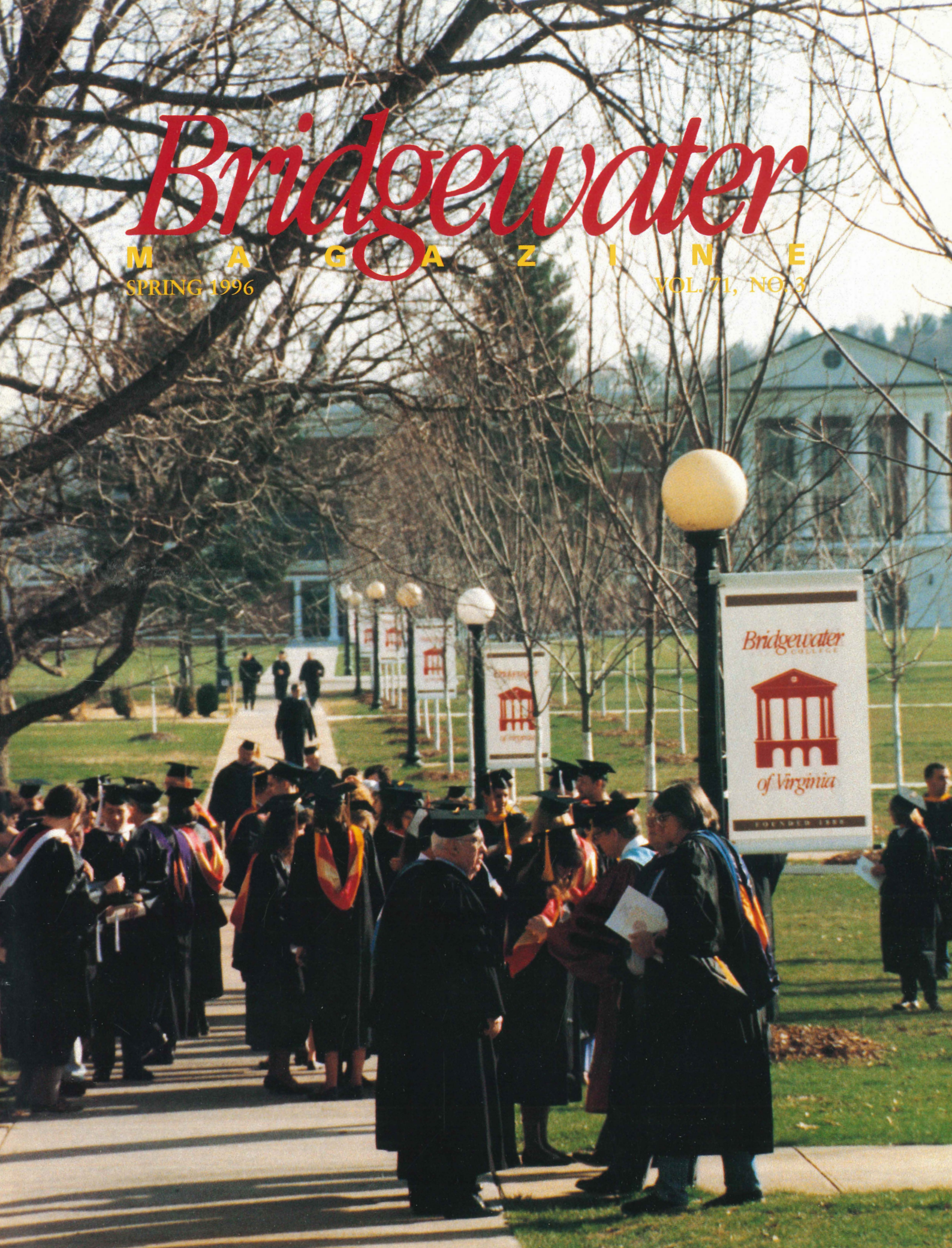
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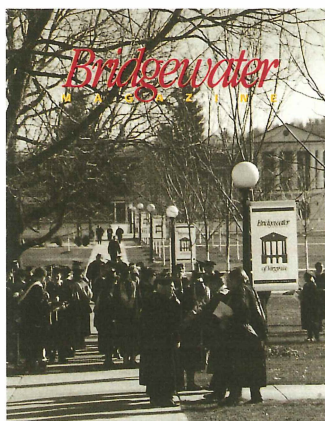




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*Faculty, alumni and students gather together, all in their regalia, as they prepare for the Founder's Day Academic Procession. In the foreground, Dr. Alvin E. Conner (left) speaks with Dr. Erich E. Brumbaugh, chair of the chemistry department. Bridgewater College recognized Dr. Conner with an honorary degree at the convocation. . . photograph by Jean J. Singer*

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## T H E F I R S T W O R D

A celebration requires color and music and special guests.

Our Celebration of Math and Science during the 1995-96 academic year had all that — and more.

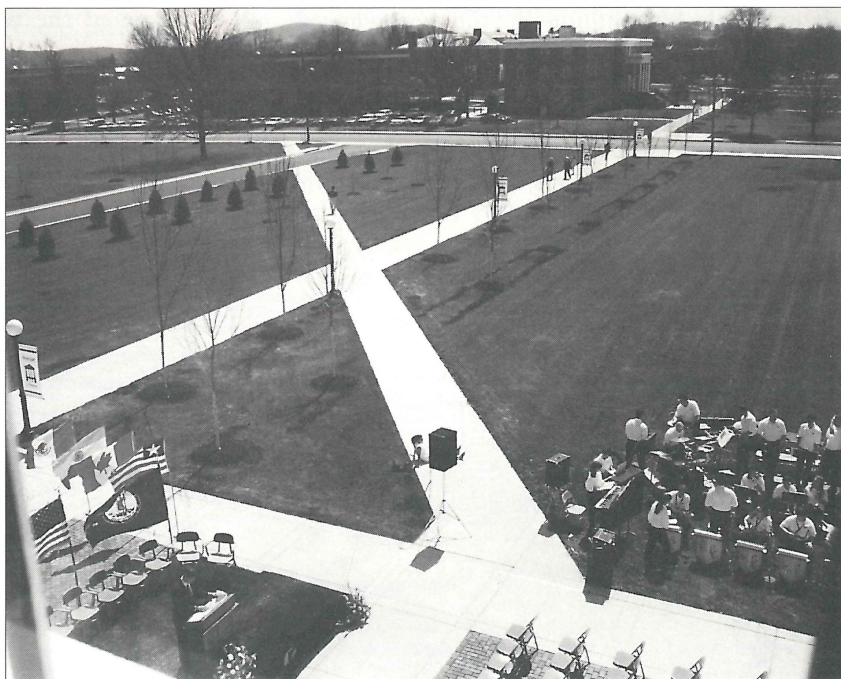
For the dedication of the McKinney Center for Science and Mathematics, some of the color was provided by the flags of the countries represented in our student body. New banners along the mall and on the “old campus” added another bright accent of color; nature did the rest, particularly with the faint greening of some 200 trees planted on the mall in the past year.

The music came from our own Stage Band, which provided a festive, celebratory atmosphere as guests were strolling across the McKinney lawn or completing their tours of the classrooms and laboratories.

Throughout the week, the special guests were eloquent and full of compliments. Five Bridgewater alumni — Drs. Paul and Nelda Marecki, Dr. Paul V. Phibbs Jr., Dr. Glenn R. Barnhart and Dr. Mervin L. Trail — returned to campus from points as distant as Minnesota and Louisiana. Their addresses touched on their gratitude for the foundation in science they had received here and offered praise for the new McKinney Center.

Their words carried a challenge. Their achievements spoke even louder. The new generation of Bridgewater-trained scientists and mathematicians needs to look no further than to these five for inspiration — or for role models.

*Ellen*



*A view from a third-floor window of the McKinney Center for Science and Mathematics as preparations were being made for the dedication of the facility. The high perch provides a view across Dinkel Avenue — follow the paths to Blue Ridge and Daleville halls.*



# FOUNDER'S WEEK

## *A Time to Celebrate*

by ELLEN K. LAYMAN  
photos by JEAN J. SINGER

A celebration of science and mathematics, featuring a series of Bridgewater-trained scientists, marked the official dedication of the McKinney Center for Science and Mathematics during Founder's Week April 8-12.

Although the 75,000-square-foot, \$10 million facility had been open since August, the ceremony on a warm, breezy afternoon (April 12) added luster to a year of pride and enjoyment as the McKinney Center earned rave reviews from students, faculty and the local community.

During the week, appreciation was paid to two men who will forever be linked to the McKinney Center.

On Wednesday of Founder's Week, the college hosted a dinner in Westminster, Maryland, in tribute to the late Dr. Robert Myers McKinney, for whom the center is named. Dr. McKinney was a research chemist with duPont who served on the Bridgewater Board of Trustees for many years; after his retirement, he returned to his hometown of Westminster and maintained an active role in civic affairs there. Following his death in 1992, the college received the bulk of his estate — a gift of nearly \$11 million for the endowment fund. Earnings from his gift support student scholarships.

The next day, April 11, Dr. Alvin E. Conner of Manassas, Va., who chaired the planning committee for the McKinney Center, was awarded an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters. In presenting the degree during the Founder's Day Convocation, President Phillip C. Stone noted Dr. Conner's "great leadership" in designing a classroom and laboratory building that not only meets the academic needs of our students

but also lends a beautiful presence to the northern edge of the campus mall.

Dr. Conner, a member of Bridgewater's class of 1949, is a retired pediatrician and a Life Member of the college's Board of Trustees. Dr. Stone also noted the leadership Dr. Conner has given to the Medical Society of Virginia and to the alumni association of the Medical College of Virginia where he earned his medical degree in 1953.

In addition, Dr. Stone said, "Dr. Conner's values reflect well on Bridgewater College."

Five other Bridgewater-trained scientists returned to the campus during the week as speakers for special events.

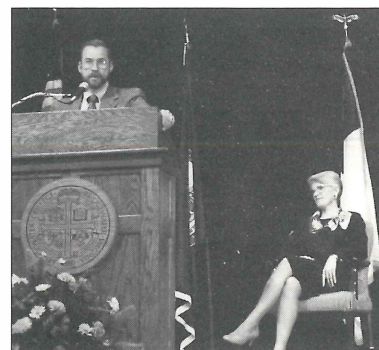
Dr. Nelda Pollard Marecki and Dr. Paul E. Marecki, both members of the Bridgewater class of 1969, opened the week with a joint presentation, "Having Gotten Here...

How Might We Proceed to Wherever We're Going?," at convocation on April 9.

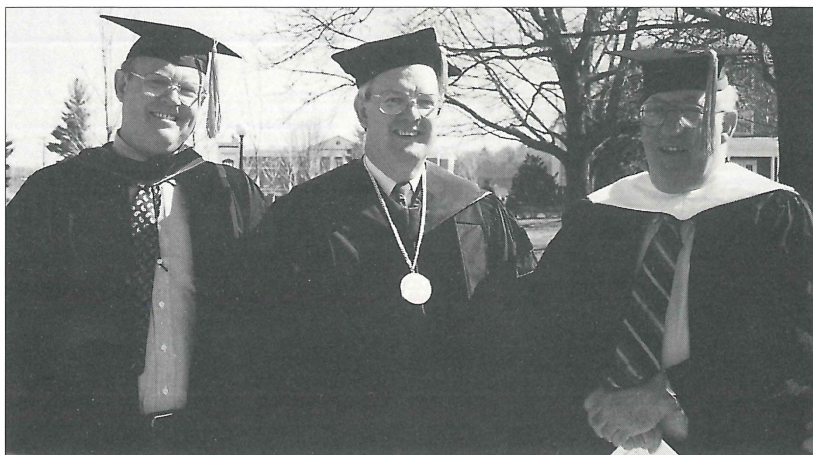
Dr. Nelda Marecki, who earned a Ph.D. in microbiology at the Medical College of Virginia, is a technical service specialist in transdermal drug delivery at 3M Pharmaceuticals in St. Paul, Minn. Her husband, Dr. Paul Marecki, whose Ph.D. from MCV is in medicinal chemistry, is a research specialist in 3M's Personal Safety Laboratory in St. Paul.

Dr. Nelda Marecki encouraged students not to close off opportunities: "Changing direction is OK!" She added that far worse than branching from a previously-held ambition is to never assess "where we've been or where we are going."

Noting that she and her husband have demanding professional responsibilities that could overwhelm their personal time, she added that each person "has



Drs. Paul and Nelda Marecki returned to campus to speak to students about education, life and the future.



Dr. Paul V. Phibbs Jr., President Phillip C. Stone and Dr. Alvin E. Conner meet after Founder's Day convocation.



Bridgewater trustee Charlie Sackett shares memories of long-time friend Dr. McKinney at Westminster.

to decide what's really important to you...and work hard to keep a balance...We jealously and zealously protect our personal time."

Dr. Paul Marecki noted that part of the appreciation of life is going beyond your field of expertise. "Avoid the comfort of not being aware of your surroundings," he advised. "You don't have to be an expert to be interested in something."

Members of the Bridgewater College Pre-Med Society planned and hosted a day-long Health Fair in the McKinney Center on April 10.

More than 30 health-related agencies set up displays that attracted classes from the local schools, visitors from the adjacent retirement community and area residents in addition to college students and faculty. Elementary school youngsters competed in a poster contest illustrating health tips. Visitors could donate blood, get their blood pressure checked or simply collect information from any of the participating agencies.

At Thursday's Founder's Day Convocation, Dr. Paul V. Phibbs Jr., professor and chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the East Carolina University School of Medicine, spoke on the value of his liberal arts education at Bridgewater.

A 1964 graduate, Dr. Phibbs recalled that "some of the most determinative experiences in college

came from outside my science courses." He noted particularly the influence of the late Mrs. George Hicks, his freshman English instructor, who helped him realize that "language is the means by which all other disciplines are pursued."

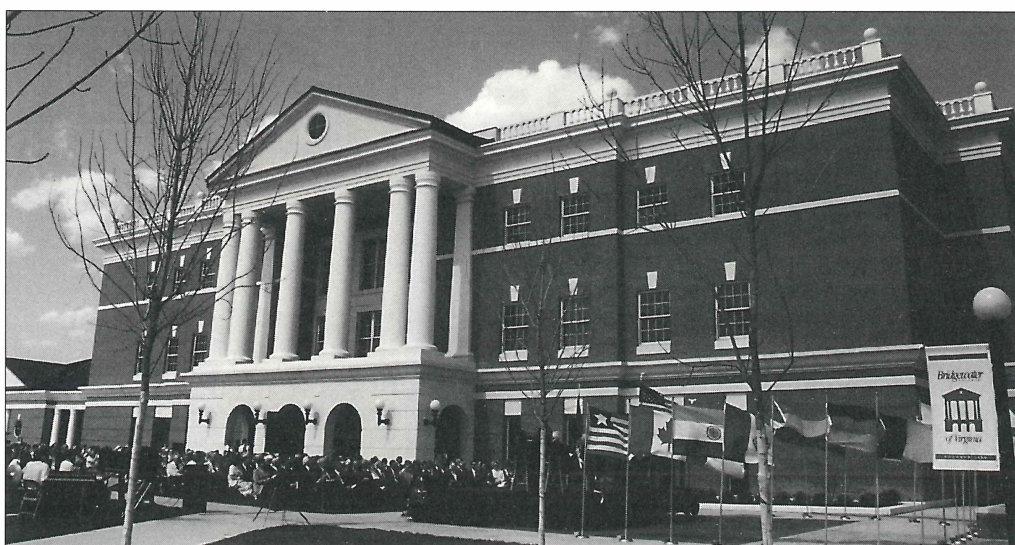
He remembered Dr. Frances Silliman engaging him in a weekly seminar in which both professor and student read the same scholarly article and then met to discuss it. "She became a student with her student," Dr. Phibbs recalled. She exhibited "a joy of learning," he said, and illustrated to him that "a good teacher is not afraid to admit the limits of his or her knowledge."

Although he said he was apprehensive about going from Bridgewater into graduate studies at the University of Georgia, "I never saw that fear come true." The most important quality of a small college, he said, is that "students and faculty teach, learn and grow in knowledge and in character together."

He credited Dr. Silliman for introducing him to the study of genetics — "I became truly enthralled...with this biology at the chemical level." But, noting Dr. Harry G. M. Jopson sitting in the audience, he remembered an episode that introduced him to biology.

As a little boy, Dr. Phibbs said, he encountered "Doc" Jopson, surrounded by students, with a snake wrapped around his arm. "That was my first impression of biology. Thanks, Doc Jopson!"

Dr. Glenn R. Barnhart, a cardiac and thoracic surgeon in Norfolk, Va., who also teaches in the Department of Surgery at the Eastern Virginia Medical School, spoke at the dedication of the McKinney Center for Science and Mathematics and reflected on the need for ethics in science.



The splendor of combined colors and a sunny day made for a memorable dedication of the McKinney Center for Science and Mathematics. Alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students gathered to officially dedicate the facility.





Dr. Glenn Barnhart takes the stage at the McKinney Center dedication as spectators and special guests look on.

Quoting from an essay by Dr. Lewis Thomas, past dean of the New York University and Yale Schools of Medicine, Dr. Barnhart described scientists at work: "When they are near to an answer, their hair stands on end, they sweat, they are awash in their own adrenaline. To grab the answer, and grab it first, is for them a more powerful drive than feeding or breathing or protecting themselves against the elements."

The Thomas essay went on to conclude, however, that scientists succeed in this "primitive running hunt" only if "the air is right."

"Bridgewater College has always strived to make the air right" for science, Dr. Barnhart said. Part of making the air right is providing an ethical standard for our students, he added. "Their scientific training cannot and should not be separated from their overall growth and development. Such qualities as integrity, compassion and intellectual honesty must be cultivated in these individuals so that they might have the tools and the wisdom with which to deal with the tough issues of technology application."

Dr. Barnhart, a 1973 Bridgewater graduate who earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia, serves on the college's Board of Trustees. He has been a pioneer in Virginia in heart transplant surgery, performing

more than 90 transplants while on the staff of MCV and doing the first such operations at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital in August 1989 and at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters in Norfolk in January 1990.

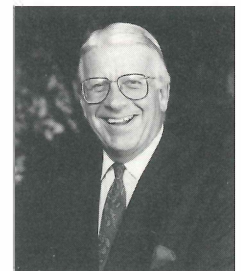
The annual Founder's Day Banquet closed out the celebration week by presenting Outstanding Service Awards to Dr. Frederick D. Dove, a retired obstetrician-gynecologist in Hagerstown, Md., and to the late Dr. John W. Martin Jr., professor of chemistry at Bridgewater for 24 years.

Dr. Dove, a 1941 Bridgewater graduate and a member of the college's Board of Trustees since 1952, was cited for his compassionate service as a physician and for his active commitment in church and community activities in Hagerstown.

Dr. Martin, who graduated from Bridgewater in 1947, was remembered as a teacher who excited his students with the thrill of learning and who took a special interest in preparing students for careers as physicians and pharmacists. He retired in 1985 and died, at age 64, in August 1987.

Dr. Mervin L. Trail, a 1955 Bridgewater graduate who is chancellor of the Louisiana State University Medical Center and who received Bridgewater's 1995 Distinguished Alumnus Award, spoke at the banquet.

Noting that "we are pioneers once more" as cyberspace offers a communications revolution, he added that the prospect is "terrifying, yet exhilarating." Then, referring to the McKinney Center as "a technological field of dreams," he stated: "We have built it. We know they will come...Our mission begins anew."

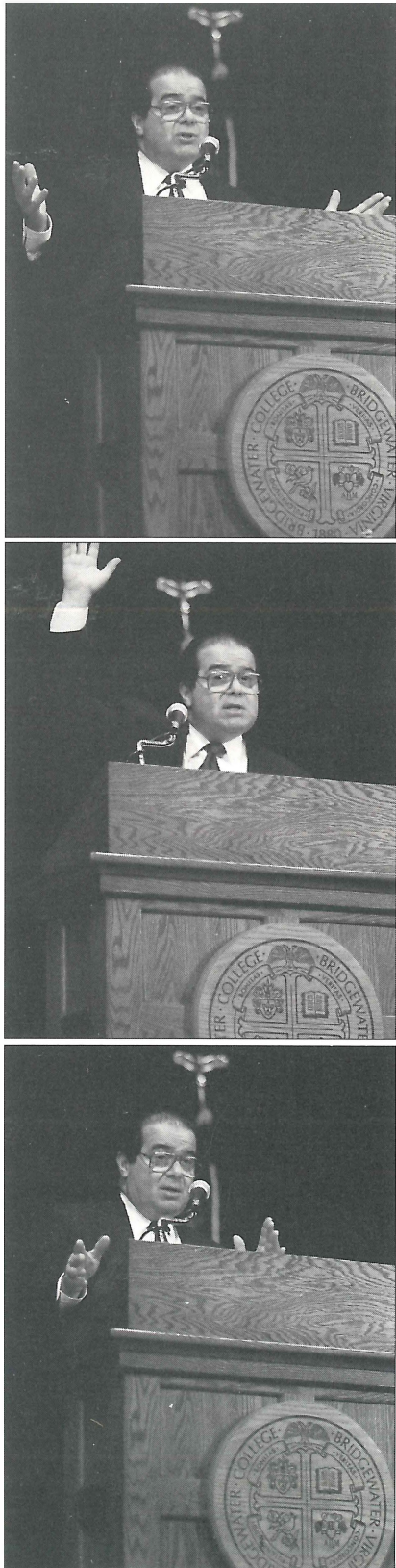


Dr. Mervin L. Trail



Trustee Chairman W. Wallace Hatcher (left) officially dedicates the McKinney Center as President Phillip C. Stone watches proudly.

# CAMPUS NEWS



## *The Law of the Land*

**S**UPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA HELD UP HIS POCKET EDITION OF THE U.S. Constitution and told an overflow crowd in Cole Hall that it doesn't cite any right to die.

Speaking at Bridgewater's Convocation on April 2, Justice Scalia noted the current debate over assisted suicide and said that "the right to die may be a good idea" but American citizens should not expect the Supreme Court to stretch the Constitution to cover that right.

Over the past 40 years, he said, the idea of a "living Constitution" that grows and expands to fit a current trend in social thinking has resulted in having the Supreme Court decide issues such as a right to privacy and the right to an abortion.

"Why would you leave that to nine lawyers, for heaven's sake?" he asked. Rather, he suggested, the people should make those decisions and pass laws. It used to be the norm, he added, that when an issue caught on with the public, someone would say: "There ought to be a law," and a law would be passed.

Justice Scalia's comments regarding the right to die came just hours before a federal appeals court in New York struck down a state ban on doctor-assisted suicide. With that link to a breaking news story, his statements at Bridgewater were quoted nationally — on National Public Radio, on the Cable News Network (CNN), in *Newsweek*, in *U.S.A. Today* and in newspapers throughout the country via Associated Press coverage.

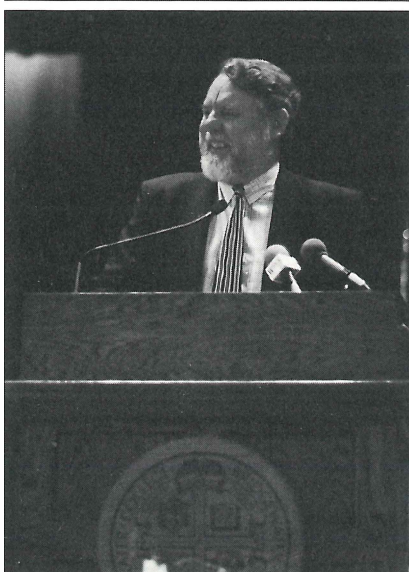
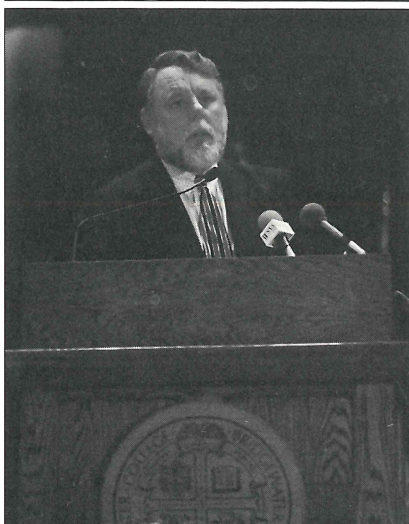
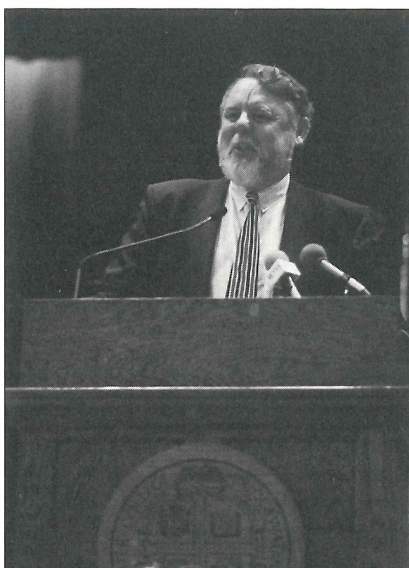
Justice Scalia, who was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1986 by President Ronald Reagan, was on the law school faculty at the University of Virginia while Bridgewater President Phillip C. Stone was a law student. Although President Stone was not a student of Justice Scalia's, he knew him as a lively, thought-provoking lecturer and has maintained an appreciation of the justice's public image, especially in his support for the fine arts.

When Justice Scalia accepted President Stone's invitation to come to campus, he offered to remain for several hours. He met with students in a symposium that allowed an open exchange of questions and opinions, then joined President and Mrs. Stone at their home for lunch with a group of faculty, students and several area attorneys and judges.

He returned to Washington that afternoon to have dinner with two other presidents — U.S. President Bill Clinton and Italy's President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro — at a White House state dinner. ■

— Ellen K. Layman





## Taken on Trust

**“YOU MAY BREAK MY BODY. YOU MAY BEND MY MIND. MY SOUL IS NOT YOURS TO TAKE.”**

Terry Waite, who was taken hostage in Lebanon in January 1987 and held in Beirut for 1,763 days, said he was sustained throughout his ordeal by a determination that his captors would not take from him his integrity, his humanity.

Speaking before two capacity audiences as the 1996 W. Harold Row Lecturer at Bridgewater, Mr. Waite related details of his terrifying, demeaning experience, but said he holds no bitterness toward his captors. He added, however, that he would support having terrorists brought to justice.

Mr. Waite, who was advisor to the Archbishop of Canterbury and an envoy of the Anglican Church, said “it was for the sake of the families (of earlier hostages) that I, on behalf of the church, became involved in hostage negotiation.”

He recognized the jeopardy in which he was placing himself, but said he reached the conclusion that “at some point, you have to get out from behind the lectern or the pulpit and live what you say you believe.”

For nearly four years of his captivity, Mr. Waite was held in solitary confinement, often chained to the wall and forced to wear a blindfold whenever another person was in the room. He was allowed to go to the bathroom once a day; he became ill and was not treated.

To keep his mind occupied, he began to write his autobiography in his head. Since being released in November 1991, he has published that work as *Taken on Trust*.

At one point in his captivity, he was told that he would be killed later in the day. The stated time came; the gun was placed at his temple; then, the executioner changed his mind.

The mental abuse, he said, equaled the physical abuse.

Asked why a rescue attempt was not achieved, Mr. Waite said that hostages were moved often and usually were held in residential areas where the neighbors would have relayed information about any out-of-the-norm activity. A rescue attempt would not have been successful, he added, because locations where the hostages were held were “totally wired up...If a rescue had been attempted, they would not have hesitated to blow the whole thing up.”

He related several times when he might have been able to escape. Each time, he said, he chose not to use the violent methods that would have been required. “I felt I must stand by what I had said — that violence is not justified.”

Mr. Waite said he believes that “long-term prospects are good” for peace in the Middle East, “but it will be difficult, very difficult.”

Questioned about how his captivity has changed him, Mr. Waite said he is “a little more careful about trusting” people and that he has resolved to “do the things I really want to do...make my own agenda...live life as it comes.”

— Ellen K. Layman

## Expanding Cultural Horizons

**I**N A CONTINUING EFFORT TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREATER CULTURAL awareness, Bridgewater College played host to various performing groups at lyceums and convocations held this spring. Each group enriched audience members by providing a glimpse of other places, other languages and different points of view.

Two such guests of the Bridgewater community were the Varna Boys' Choir from Bulgaria and the Spanish Theatre Group from the University of Virginia.

The 40 voices of the Bulgarian choir, and the sight of the boys, simply charmed Bridgewater audiences. The youthful and sometimes mischievous behavior they displayed reminded concert-goers that, although talented singers, they still were boys, the same the world over.

The choir, founded and conducted by Marin Chonev, performed twice, March 6 and 7, during their two-day stay; Bridgewater was their final stop on a two-week concert tour of the Carolinas and Virginia.

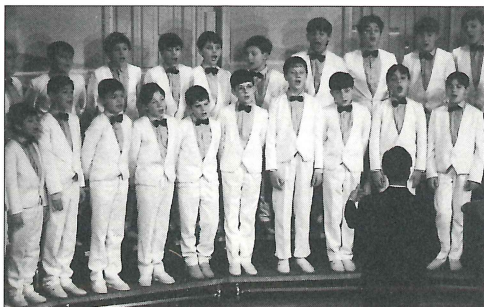
The mood at the March 20th performance of Federico Garcia Lorca's play "La casa de Bernarda Alba" was not so light-hearted. Shonda Lucas, a student in Dr. Lynn McGovern Waite's conversational Spanish class, described the experience as "emotionally straining," so much so that she was "wiped out" by play's end. The intense acting, the starkness (all white sets, black costumes) and the play's content made the performance extreme.

Other members of the class commented that understanding the play did not pose any difficulty. The English summations of each scene in the playbill and the high-level of acting made comprehension easier, whether one knew Spanish or not.

Members of surrounding communities, area high school students and other B.C. personnel also attended the riveting performance.

This was the third year that Bridgewater College has offered a theatrical production in Spanish. The department of foreign languages, chaired by Dr. McGovern-Waite, sponsored the event. ■

—Jean J. Singer



*Clad in identical white suits, tan shirts and brown bow ties, the young Varna Boys' Choir performs. Despite the similar dress, each boy's individuality surfaced through his facial expressions and movements as the concerts progressed.*



*Fernando Operé (right) not only directed the U.Va. Spanish Theatre Group in its interpretation of "La casa de Bernarda Alba," but also played the lead role of the matriarch, Bernarda. She rules her house and her five daughters with an oppressive, tyrannical hand.*

## FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

**DR. JOHN G. BARR**, professor of organ and piano, has written an article, "A Vaughan Williams Pilgrimage," which is published in the *Journal of the RVW Society*, No. 5, February 1996. His article is an account of the trip he and Mrs. Barr made to England in 1994 and their visit to Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, the birthplace of Ralph Vaughan Williams, the leading British composer of his generation.

**DR. CARL F. BOWMAN**, professor of sociology, received the Virginia Social Science Association's 1996 Distinguished Scholar Award in Sociology at the VSSA's annual meeting held March 22-23 at the University of Richmond. Dr. Bowman was cited for his outstanding achievements in research and teaching with particular recognition to his most recent book, *Brethren Society: The Cultural Transformation of a "Peculiar People."*

**PROF. DAVID A. COOK**, assistant professor of art, curated an exhibit entitled "Jack Burnley: Hero Artist" which will travel Virginia through the Traveling Exhibition and Media Services (TEAMS) of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. The exhibit features 29 prints from Prof. Cook's collection of Mr. Burnley's comic book art and sports cartoons. Mr. Burnley, who lives in retirement in Virginia, has drawn Superman and Batman and has illustrated Damon Runyon's books.

**DR. JAMES W. EATON**, professor of economics, is co-editor with Frederic S. Mishkin, vice president for research of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, of 1996 *Readings to Accompany Mishkin The Economics of Money, Banking, and Financial Markets, Fourth Edition* published by HarperCollins College Publishers. Dr. Eaton updates the readings book each summer as part of the ancillaries package that accompanies Mishkin's money and banking textbook.

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## Calendar & Curriculum Studies

**W**HAT SHOULD EVERY COLLEGE GRADUATE BE EXPECTED TO KNOW?

What is the best schedule for teaching college material?

How should faculty members be evaluated and rewarded?

Those three questions have received the attention of the Bridgewater College faculty over the past year in response to meeting expectations for excellence in teaching.

The first question relates to the General Education requirements, the core courses that all students need to complete as background for subsequent courses. Academic Dean Lee M. Yoder likens the General Education curriculum to an interstate highway, where all students begin together and then take different "exits" as they begin to specialize in their major courses.

The faculty has adopted key goals and objectives for the General Education program; a curriculum development team is beginning its work with a completion target of May 1997.

The academic calendar also has been scrutinized, with a study committee recommending moving to a semester system with an Interterm. A faculty vote showed support for that move, with some reservations about what the details of the schedule would involve.

The current calendar of three 10-week terms, with a three-week February Interterm, has both advantages and drawbacks. Proponents of the semester-plus-Interterm schedule cite needing more time to adequately present material and have students reflect and retain it.

The current schedule also creates hardships for Bridgewater students involved in Brethren Colleges Abroad and for students seeking to transfer to Bridgewater.

"Any decision regarding a new academic calendar would not become effective before the 1998-99 academic year," Dr. Yoder noted.

The third area of examination — faculty development and evaluation — has involved faculty tenure and promotions in rank, annual teaching assignments and developing professional teaching portfolios that help build excellence in instruction.

A steering committee is addressing these issues. Dr. Yoder noted that "evaluation can be unsettling. However, Bridgewater College is committed to a developmental approach to evaluation, whereby we assist each individual in his or her pursuit of self-set goals for improvement and excellence from year-to-year." ■

— Ellen K. Layman

## FACULTY & STAFF. . . (cont. from page 7)

**DR. LAURA DESPORTES ECHOLS**, assistant professor of psychology, presented a paper, "The continuum of care study — An assessment of service needs within a public system of mental health service," at the sixth annual conference on State Mental Health Agency Services Research and Program Evaluation in Crystal City, Arlington. The paper was co-authored by Dr. J. Randy Koch, Allen Lewis and Dr. Dwight McCall, all of the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, and Barbara McCall of Trigon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Virginia. As a result of the presentation, Dr. Echols was contacted by Dr. David Hughes of the Human Services Research Institute to consult with HSRI on the development of a "cookbook" to assist human service agencies in conducting systems evaluations.

A new volume of the *Dictionary of Literary Biography* includes an essay by **DR. CATHERINE L. ELICK**, associate professor of English. Early this year, the standard literary reference work issued six volumes on British children's writers, and Dr. Elick was one of 15 scholars from the U.S. and Canada selected to contribute essays to the volume *British Children's Writers Since 1960: Traditionalists*. Her essay studies the fiction of Helen Cresswell, a writer of fantasies and humorous family stories.

**DR. CAROLE C. GROVE**, associate professor of education and coordinator of the special education curriculum, has co-authored an article, "Second Chance U.," in the March 1996 edition of *The American School Board Journal*. The article, written with Judith Hostetler Mullet of Eastern Mennonite University, details a program in the Rockingham County schools which pairs suspended students with tutors from the Bridgewater and EMU to help them keep up their studies until their suspensions have been served. The tutors and suspended students meet 10 hours a week on either Bridgewater or EMU campus. The authors conclude: "The experience of being on campus and discovering the opportunities that could be in their future is a powerful way to persuade students to stay in school and graduate."

**DR. EDWARD W. HUFFSTETLER**, associate professor of English, received Coker College's 1995-96 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award on April 20. The annual award cites an alumnus under the age of 38 who has achieved distinction in his or her field. Dr. Huffstetler earned a B.A. in English from Coker College in Hartsville, S.C.

As testament to his success, Dr. Huffstetler has received advanced copies of his book, *Tales of Native America*, published by MetroBooks as the sixth volume in its Myths of the World series. The book will be marketed through numerous outlets, including Barnes and Noble, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart and Walden Books.

**PROF. RALPH MACPHAIL JR.**, associate professor of theatre, speech and English, has had an article, "SavoyNet — And How It Works," published in the Winter 1996 issue of NODA News Northwest, the three-times-a-year magazine of England's National Operatic and Dramatic Association. The article describes the computer network devoted to Gilbert & Sullivan scholars and enthusiasts.

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## Moving Up in the World

TWO VERY DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE AND physical education, found themselves with something in common this past March. Within their ranks were members worthy of promotions and other recognitions. Dr. Stephen L. Longenecker rose to Associate Professor in History; Curtis L. Kendall and Kimberly D. Wright both were promoted to Assistant Professor of Physical Education.

Dr. Longenecker began teaching at Bridgewater in 1989. He received his B.A. from Shippensburg University, his M.A. from West Virginia University and his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins.

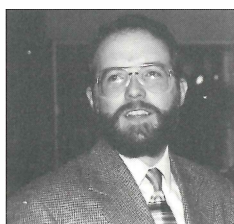


Academic Dean Yoder congratulates Dr. Steve Longenecker on his promotion to Associate Professor of History.

Both Mr. Kendall and Mrs. Wright graduated from Bridgewater College and received master's degrees from James Madison University. He returned to Bridgewater in 1984, and she in 1988.

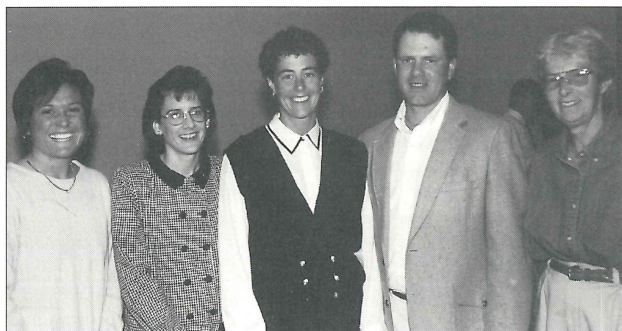
The honorees' departments held receptions celebrating the promotions. Colleagues used the opportunity to officially congratulate Dr. William E. Abshire, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, on earning his doctorate. The physical education department recognized the appointment of Jean Willi and Kim Bush to head coaching positions in women's basketball and field hockey, respectively, and the 35 years of dedicated service of Laura Mapp. **Congratulations to all the honorees!** ■

Both Mr. Kendall and Mrs. Wright



Dr. William Abshire

— Jean J. Singer



The department of physical education honorees: (left to right) Kim Bush, head field hockey coach; Kim Wright, assistant professor; Jean Willi, head women's basketball coach; Curt Kendall, assistant professor; Laura Mapp, 35 years of service.

## Getting 'Personal'

Prof. David A. Cook recounts the excitement of filming a television segment of Fox's "Personal fx"

Fox Television Network's cable channel, FX, first contacted me in February, asking if I would be a featured supercollector on their program *Personal fx*. The show would focus on my recent work collecting, archiving and researching Zorro.

They set the program to air Tuesday, March 26. The two weeks prior to that date were spent frantically preparing for the LIVE broadcast from my house. Renita Hughes, the producer in New York, called almost every day. I was deeply involved in helping plan the set-up and working through all the information necessary to script the segment and coordinate details between the remote unit here and the crew in New York City.

The producer who would direct the remote, Tim Warren, came down a week before the broadcast. He made numerous suggestions on rearranging the house and my collection of Zorro memorabilia.

On the day of the broadcast, the satellite truck drove up, and the fun began. Tim Warren arrived, script in hand, at 9:30 a.m.; the sound man arrived next, then the lighting and camera man, and finally, the other guests — John Heatwole, Bridgewater alumnus Matthew Weaver, Jane Marsh and Mark Butzler; each brought collectibles to be appraised on-air.

The on-air hostess, Jillian Hamilton, arrived later that morning to look over the information with me.

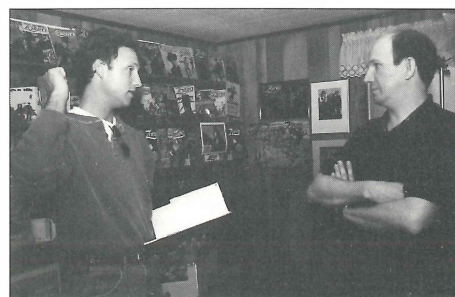
Jillian opened the show standing on College Street, holding one of my fencing epees saying, "We're on the beautiful campus of Bridgewater College to talk to an art professor who has been collecting Zorro memorabilia for 10 years..." and we were *live* and running.

Things seemed to go very well, and the hour was over quickly.

Since the broadcast, I've had calls from people all over the country. Several Valley residents on vacation and on business trips saw the broadcast quite by chance that night and the following weekend. One viewer provided an unexpected bonus — a person from Washington state called to say he'd send me the last piece of Zorro stuff I've been searching for. ■

— David A. Cook

The *Personal fx* producer discusses script and setup with Prof. David Cook (right) before the show. Zorro memorabilia surrounds them as they speak.





## Dr. Gary L. Tyeryar Honored With Thornton Award

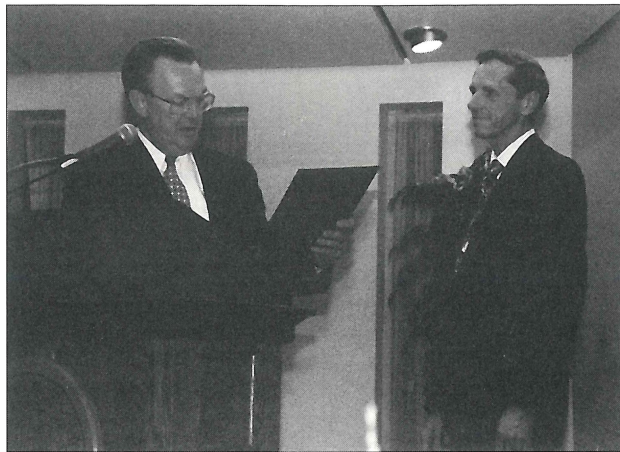
**I**N ORDER TO CREATE A NURTURING environment in which students can become educated, building an academic community of quality, caring teachers are essential. Without these dedicated and talented individuals, Bridgewater College could not be called "a college of character" or "a community of excellence."

Each year since 1990, the college has recognized an outstanding professor who "provides caring concern well beyond his/her role as a teacher" with the Martha B. Thornton Faculty Recognition Award.

This year, the college presented the well-deserved award to Dr. Gary L. Tyeryar, professor of English and chair of the English department.

Dr. Tyeryar has been an active member of the Bridgewater community since joining the faculty in 1968. Before coming to B.C., he earned three degrees in English — a B.A. from Western Maryland, an M.A. from Rice University and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin — in the short period of *five* years!

During his 28 years at Bridgewater, Dr. Tyeryar has taught innumerable literature and composition courses, such as medieval literature, science fiction, motion pictures, technical writing, and the works of



*President Stone presents Dr. Tyeryar with the Martha B. Thornton Faculty Recognition Award, which carries a \$1000 prize, during the Founder's Day Dinner.*

C.S. Lewis. In addition, his involvement with students outside of the classroom has been extensive.

Dr. Tyeryar has served as the faculty advisor to the college newspaper, *The Talon*; the yearbook, *Ripples*; Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society; and the Bridgewater College International Club.

A mark of a true educator, Dr. Tyeryar is an enthusiastic student as well; he studies the language and culture of Japan with avid fascina-

tion. In 1989-90, he served as the first director of the Brethren Colleges Abroad Program at Hokusei Gakuen University in Sapporo, Japan. He plans to return to Japan as the BCA Program director in 1997.

The best assessment of a professor, however, usually comes from the students who sit in his classroom each term. In a recent course evaluation given to his English 110 students, one wrote, "[Dr. Tyeryar] is a great teacher who enjoys what he is doing," and another described him as "a very generous teacher who really knows the material."

Dr. Tyeryar stands out as one of the numerous quality teachers in the Bridgewater community who deserve praise and recognition. ■ — Jean J. Singer

### FACULTY & STAFF... (cont. from page 8)

**DR. LYNN MCGOVERN-WAITE**, associate professor of Spanish, both was the subject of an interview and was able to conduct an interview while in Spain with her Inter-term class. An Italian scholar, Silvia Flauto, interviewed Dr. McGovern-Waite regarding her research on Spanish author Lourdes Ortiz and will publish the interview in Italy. During the course of that interview, which Lourdes Ortiz also attended, Dr. McGovern-Waite was given a copy of Ms. Ortiz's new prize-winning book and was able to schedule a later interview with the author at her home over dinner. Dr. McGovern-Waite will be working with Ms. Ortiz in establishing the University of Virginia's Alderman Library as the home for the author's published and unpublished works.

**CHAPLAIN ROBBIE MILLER** recently had published a unit he has written for the "Generation Why" youth Bible studies. The unit, "Clueless and Called: Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark," is a five-session study on the meaning and requirements of Christian discipleship as described in Mark's gospel. "Generation Why" is a new youth curriculum that

explores faith from a perspective that values peace, service, biblical study and radical Christian discipleship. The curriculum is co-produced by the Brethren Press (Church of the Brethren) and Faith & Life Press (General Conference Mennonite Church).

**DR. NANCY W. ST. JOHN**, associate professor of family and consumer science, has been invited to present a paper at the 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Federation of Home Economics to be held July 21-26 in Bangkok, Thailand. Her paper is entitled: *Introducing Work and Family Studies Curriculum Through the Implementation of Higher Order Thinking, The Critical Thinking Process, and Problem Solving Techniques*. The IFHE, founded in 1908, includes more than 200 professional associations, groups and individuals from 116 countries. It is recognized as a non-governmental organization (NGO) with consultative status with the United Nations and the Council of Europe. The World Congress meets every four years. ■

— Ellen K. Layman

# SERVING THE COMMUNITY

"Our graduates will be equipped to become leaders, living ethical, healthy, useful and fulfilling lives with a strong sense of personal accountability and civic responsibility."

— Excerpt from Bridgewater College's Mission Statement

"Part of being a responsible citizen is serving, giving something of oneself, to the local and global community."

— Chaplain Robbie Miller

**B**EING AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF A LARGER COMMUNITY ENTAILS RESPON-

sibility. Although focusing on one's self often is easier, serving others selflessly proves more beneficial, both to the individual and the community.

Within the Bridgewater College community, students continually give their time, talents, energy and skills to serve others. Many times their efforts do not bring awards or glory, although well-deserved. The 26 people who trekked to Florida to build with Habitat for Humanity; those who organized and participated in the CROP Meal and Walk; and individuals, such as Anneka Martin, who tutor and spend time with the local Hispanic community — all deserve praise and recognition. Each in his or her own way is serving the community.

## BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Early Saturday morning, Feb. 24, 24 Bridgewater College students and one chaperone loaded themselves and a week's luggage into two large passenger vans and a minivan. They were headed south — to Miami, Fla. — but not simply to bake on white sand beaches. This was no ordinary spring break; it was Alternative Spring Break '96. They were going to work, to give of their time and energy to help build communities with Habitat for Humanity.

The group arrived late on Saturday (it actually was Sunday) at Camp Freedom where they would be staying for the week. Sunday was a time for the beach and relaxation before starting work on Monday, when the real fun began.

Melissa Jett recalls that she didn't understand when on the first day the Habitat site manager said "we would make communities between ourselves and for others in need." At the end of the week, Melissa realized exactly what the site manager meant. She lived the experience, along with 25 others, and they became like family. In the midst of long van rides,

hard work, nighttime outings, rundown accommodations and helping others selflessly, the B.C. crew

learned what it means to connect with other people.

During the days, the group labored at different work sites, learning to tile, paint, install fixtures, shingle a roof, lay a foundation and frame a house. Afterwards, they took advantage of the nights to have fun. Amy Landis and Lynette Ginder described the adventures best in these lines to a poem:

"Monday the hospital, Tuesday Coconut Grove, Wednesday beach volleyball, then to Key West we drove. Each day we traveled to the Habitat site, ate ham sandwiches and returned to camp each night. We learned to paint, shingle, hammer, and tile, seeing the results made it all worth our while."

Jonathan Brumfield, director of residence life,

chaperoned the trip in Chaplain Robbie Miller's absence. He said, "The group made the trip fun. Everyone got along well and pitched in without having to be told. Everybody had something they were good at, so they did that more."

At week's end, 25 students (one joined the team late) and one chaperone packed themselves, their luggage and memories into three vans and headed to Bridgewater. Each understood and shared Roberta Rinker's sentiments: "We worked hard to give people a better place to live and a hope for the future."

Robbie Miller has organized an Alternative Spring Break for three years; Miami was the fourth. Other locations have included Homestead, Fla., with Brethren Disaster Response to clean up after the hurricane; Richmond, Mo., with BDR again, cleaning up after flooding; and Newark, N.J., helping Habitat for Humanity in the inner city.

Bridgewater College is working toward establishing a Habitat for Humanity Chapter on campus. The process should be fully approved by next fall.



*Bridgewater's Alternative Spring Break team relaxes after a hard day's work in Miami.*

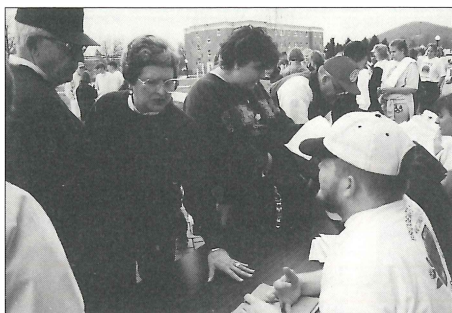
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## FIGHTING WORLD HUNGER

When Chaplain Robbie Miller came to Bridgewater College six years ago, CROP Walk already was established. He took over and added the CROP Meal to the annual event.

Soon, however, he discovered that members of the Student Council on Religious Activities were willing and able to take over CROP. Now, in January of each year, SCRA forms a CROP committee which plans and implements the campaign to raise awareness, support and money to help fight world hunger. Chaplain Miller proudly admitted, "The students really do it all."



*Brian Messler (right) registers community members before the CROP Walk. Students, faculty and staff also supported the cause.*

This year's CROP committee consisted of Holly Abernethy, Shalom Black, Lynette Ginder, Nora Hadley, Brian Messler and Scott VanPelt. This six-person group was responsible for getting the campus' and community's attention and spurring individuals to involvement. Their letter-writing and phonathon campaigns were successful — the Meal and Walk together raised around \$6,000. Brian commented, "Everybody really pulled together and did their job."

The funds go toward fighting world hunger; Church World Service will receive 75 percent of the money raised, and the Bridgewater Area Interchurch Food Pantry will get the remaining 25 percent.

Around 300 Bridgewater students voluntarily sacrificed their dinner to be sold on March 28 for the CROP Meal. The Bridgewater and local community purchased 200 meals, yielding around \$1100 for the cause. The Walk was even more successful.

In past years, the greatest number of walkers had been 90; this year 150 students, faculty, staff (including President Stone) and local community members (numbering around 60) gathered in front of the McKinney Center on Sunday, March 31, to make the 10-kilometer walk.

Almost one-third of the walkers were freshmen involved in the Portfolio program. President Stone had pledged \$100 on the condition that at least 30 freshmen participated, and they exceeded the challenge. Chaplain Miller stated, "I've really been impressed with how willing the recent freshmen have been to giving significant amounts of time and energy to these projects — it inspires me!"

## BREAKING BARRIERS

Anneke Martin has been studying Spanish since the seventh grade; when she graduates from Bridgewater this May, she will have taken Spanish for 10 years and will be certified to teach Spanish in high school. One year she studied at La Universidad de San Francisco and lived with a family in Quito, Ecuador. She possesses an amazing mind for language, combined with a true heart for service and other people.

While studying in Ecuador, Anneke cut back on her academic load in order to volunteer at a learning center in downtown Quito. She taught two classes for adults who could not read or write Spanish. Even in another country, Anneke found a way to serve, but she also learned. Anneke reflected, "We get so caught up with what's going on with us. . . seeing other people's struggles — it just shakes you up and makes you realize how easy it is to live here [in the U.S.]. It helped me keep my perspective."

Back at home this past year, Anneke heard about the Migrant Education Program. Again, she discovered a place to serve, using both her mind and heart. Since October, she has traveled to the trailer park every Tuesday and Thursday night to tutor Freddy Juarez Paz. She spent over an hour each night working with the Turner Ashby junior on different subjects, but mostly geometry. In addition, Freddy's younger brother and sister used Anneke as a resource in helping break down cultural barriers they encountered. Anneke said the best part of this experience was getting to know Freddy and his family ("wonderful people").

Throughout the year, both Anneke and Freddy have learned — not just language and geometry, but about people and new viewpoints. Anneke said, "I hope they gained a little perspective, too. He is university-bound, if he can keep that door open and realize the opportunity's there."

Freddy plans to attend Anneke's graduation, an event that will be tough for her. Saying good-bye never is easy. She hopes that others will continue to encourage Freddy, so one day he will be walking across a stage to receive his college diploma. ■

—Jean J. Singer



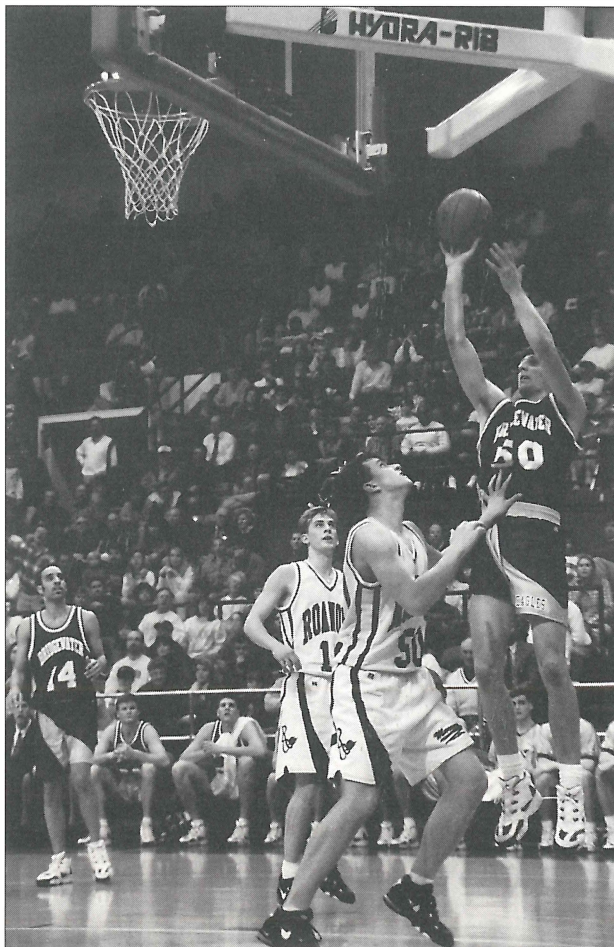
*Anneke Martin (top left) enjoyed her time with Freddy (far right) and his family.*

## MEN'S BASKETBALL *A Cinderella Story*

**T**HE BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE men's basketball team went from a preseason seventh-place prediction to Cinderella story in 1995-96 and produced headlines every step of the way. The Eagles, under the direction of 11th-year head coach Bill Leatherman, were tabbed for a seventh-place ODAC finish in the ODAC Coaches' preseason poll. Bridgewater went on to finish with an 18-10 overall record and 12-6 ODAC mark, which was the team's best league record in four years.

After stumping the prognosticators by placing third in the league race, the Eagles made a run to the ODAC Tournament championship game, which marked only the second time that Bridgewater was in the tournament final. Bridgewater then furthered its season by landing the college's first-ever at-large Division III NCAA Tournament bid and second-ever NCAA bid overall. The streak of success from an unheralded team made Leatherman state in a postgame interview after facing Millsaps that: "This was my 30th year in the coaching profession, and it was my funnest season by far."

Bridgewater was led by junior point guard Craig Tutt, who finished in the top 10 in the ODAC in scoring, field goal percentage, free throw percentage, assists and steals. He led the team in scoring with an 18.0 per game average and developed into a valuable floor leader for the Eagles. Junior guard Scott Powers finished second on the team in scoring with a 16.4 per game average and was eighth overall in the ODAC. Junior center Chad Sowers was the Eagles' top rebounder and finished sixth in the ODAC with a 6.6 per game average. Freshman Eddie Bentley led all 3-point shooters in the ODAC with a 44.6 percent shooting average from behind the arc, and he placed 31st in the nation. The Eagles finished ninth in the nation in 3-point field goal shooting as a team, with a 40.9 percentage.



*Chad Sowers (#50) shoots a jumper in a tough defeat by Roanoke College in the ODAC finals. Craig Tutt (#14) and Sowers both received All-ODAC Tournament Team honors.*

Bridgewater put together two seven-game winning streaks during the season and swept five out of nine ODAC opponents. One of the Eagles' biggest wins was over Roanoke at

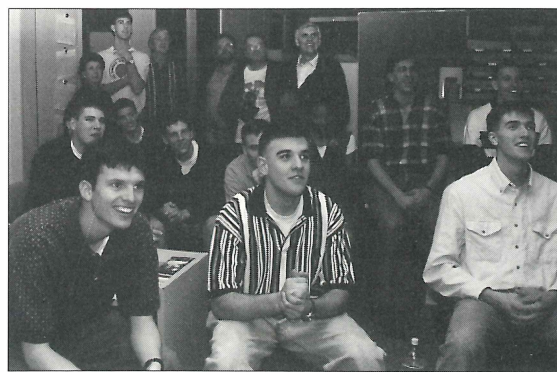
home, which halted a four-game losing skid and started the team's second seven-game winning streak. After losing to Emory & Henry 114-112 in double overtime three games before, the Eagles downed the Wasps 91-86 in double overtime in the first game of the ODAC Tournament. Bridgewater then defeated Randolph-Macon, 72-68, to advance to the ODAC finals. The Eagles lost to Roanoke, 74-72, but led for 37 minutes of the contest.

Tutt and Sowers were named All-ODAC Tournament after scoring 57 and 40 points, respectively, during tournament play.

Bridgewater flew to Jackson, Miss., for the first round of the NCAA Tournament and fell to Millsaps College, 83-72. ■

— Douglas Barton

## WE'RE GOING!



*Basketball team members smiled excitedly after learning they received an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, making them only the second team in B.C. men's basketball history to advance to nationals.*



## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL *A Tale of Two Seasons*

**T**HE BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE WOMEN'S basketball season was a tale of two seasons, before winter break and after. The Eagles started the 1995-96 campaign slowly with a 4-6 record before breaking for the Christmas holiday. But after a 27-day layoff that became extended because of snow, the Eagles started the new year with a bang by defeating Roanoke, 71-68, at home. The Eagles broke a 14-game losing streak to the Maroons to start a 9-6 stretch that sent the team on to a 13-12 overall record and gave head coach Laura Mapp her 29th winning season in 35 years at B.C.

After defeating the Maroons, the Eagles downed archrival Eastern Mennonite 85-72 at home to redeem an early season loss to the Royals. The Eagles continued their winning ways by handing losses to Ferrum, Randolph-Macon Woman's College and Lynchburg to end the month of January. In February, the Eagles defeated Virginia Wesleyan twice, Washington & Lee and Hollins. Bridgewater lost its first round ODAC Tournament game to Guilford, 65-52, at the Salem Civic Center.



*Jennifer Young drives through the lane, attempting to score. The ODAC Tournament game against Guilford marked Coach Laura Mapp's last game as the team's head coach.*

Sophomore guard Jennifer Young was voted second team All-ODAC after leading the Eagles in field goals, 3-pointers, free throw percentage, scoring average and assists. She led Bridgewater with a 12.3 per game scoring average and hit 108 total field goals. She finished second in the nation in Division III in free throw percentage, by hitting 65-74 charity tosses for an 87.8 average. During one stretch in the season, she set a team record by hitting 26 consecutive free throws.

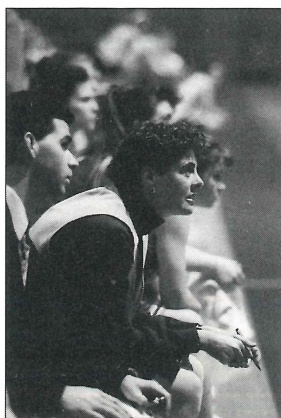
Senior guard Cindy Pearson finished second on the team in scoring with an 11.6 per game average and during the season she became the 10th women's player to score 1,000 points. She went on to finish her career with 1,014 points. Senior Angie Vizachero finished third on the team with a 9.9 per game scoring average and was named

Honorable Mention All-ODAC.

One of the Eagles' top highlights was a 72-45 home win over Washington & Lee, which handed Head Coach Laura Mapp her 475th career win. ■

— Douglas Barton

### *Willi Follows Mapp as Head Coach*



Bridgewater will elevate Assistant Coach Jean Willi to the women's basketball head coaching position for the 1996-97 season.

A 1980 graduate of Bridgewater, she joined the Eagles as assistant coach in 1985-86. Willi played for the Eagles from 1978-80 and helped the team to the 1980

Division III VAIW State Championship. ■

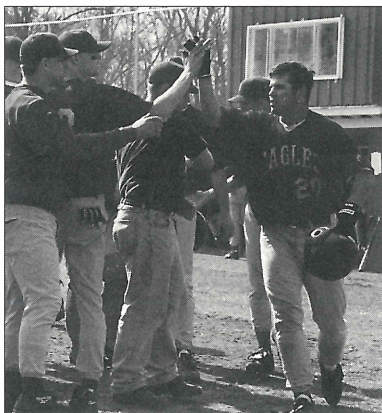
## SPRING SPORTS

### *Eagle Linkster Meek Makes All-ODAC*

Eagle senior golfer Charlie Meek ended his stellar career by being voted All-ODAC honors for a second straight season. Meek, from Norfolk, Va., finished tied for 11th in the ODAC Tournament and twice was medalist during ODAC tournaments this season. He ended up with the lowest stroke average in the ODAC during regular season play with a 77.2 and set a school-record for average for a season with a 78.3 average. Bridgewater finished ninth as a team in the ODAC Tournament. ■

## Baseball Touts Perfect ODAC Season

The Eagle baseball team won its second consecutive ODAC regular season title by achieving a first in school history: a perfect 16-0 conference record. The Eagles clinched the number one seed heading into the ODAC tournament, became the first team to go 16-0 in league play, and is only the fifth team in 20 seasons of the ODAC to go through a conference slate unbeaten.



*Fellow Eagles congratulate teammate Chris Sabatino (#20) after his home run against Mary Washington. Sabatino amassed seven dingers for the regular season.*

The season's biggest heroics came when senior Chris Davis hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning for a 7-5 win against ODAC foe Hampden-Sydney on April 21 to clinch the 16-0 mark. In the first game of the doubleheader, Davis pitched the Eagles to a 13-4 win. A day before, senior Courtland Rodamer tied the school record in career wins when he hurled the Eagles to a 7-3 win against Virginia Wesleyan. Rodamer, who is now 22-6 overall as a Eagle, tied the mark set by former B.C. ace Jason Conley.

Leading the Eagle offense have been senior Chris Sabatino, junior Ben Spotts and Davis. Sabatino has hit seven home runs and driven in 41 runs, which is just eight shy of the school record. Spotts has come on with the bat of late and drove in two important runs in the 7-5 win over H-SC, after he was hit in the mouth with a ball in pregame drills and required eight stitches. ■

## Softball Earns Winningest B.C. Record

The Eagle softball team capped its season with a school-record 26 wins and advanced to the ODAC Tournament finals for a third consecutive season. Bridgewater placed four players on the All-ODAC First Team and had two others on the second team. Head Coach Donnie Fulk was named Coach of the Year after his squad finished 26-10. Players voted to the first team were Misti Fulk (first base), Betsy Boardwine (second base), Stacy Clark (outfield) and Sasha Morris (pitcher). On the second team were Joanne Harris (designated hitter) and Salita Sullivan (catcher). Bridgewater beat Virginia Wesleyan twice and Lynchburg once during the ODAC Tournament.

B.C. downed the Hornets to force a second game in the championship bracket, but lost 9-0. Clark had a tremendous year at the plate, batting .462 with five home runs and 32 RBIs. Freshman Jamie Kery went 9-2 with three saves and Morris finished up at 9-3. ■

## Tennis Teams Head to ODAC Tournaments

The Eagle tennis teams headed to their respective ODAC Tournaments with the women's team holding a 3-10 record and the men a 4-8 overall record. For the ladies' team, Cindy Pearson and Janice Gibbel each had 7-6 overall records and played well down the stretch for head coach Laura Mapp. For the men's team, Dan Shomo and Mike Patterson were playing well at the numbers two and three spots, respectively, for first-year head coach Dan Logan. ■

## Lacrosse Fights to the Finish

The Eagle lacrosse team fought its way back to .500 play and then finished with a 6-8 overall record in its last season under head coach Jean Willi. Willi will now

begin to devote her duties full-time as the new head women's basketball coach for the Eagles. During the season, Bridgewater claimed wins over



*Lacrosse players eagerly await the draw (the start of play after a goal). The Eagles finished the game as the victors over Hood.*

Sweet Briar, Hollins, Shenandoah, Guilford, Hood and Greensboro to even its record at 6-6. In its last two matches, the Eagles lost tough battles to Randolph-Macon 10-8, at home and then 11-8 to the Yellow Jackets in the first round of the ODAC Tournament. The Eagles made the ODAC Tournament each season under the tutelage of Willi. ■

## Track & Field Builds Momentum

The Eagles track and field team continues to have a strong season under coach Shane Stevens as it prepares for the ODAC championship meet to be held at Roanoke College in Salem, Va. Going into the championship meet, the following Bridgewater performers held the top time in their event in the ODAC this season: Mario Webb, 100 meters (11.16), 200 meters (22.94); Cole Corbitt, 400 meters (50.0), Javelin (168-2); Scott Brown, 110 meter high hurdles (15.34), 400 meter intermediate hurdles (55.69); Tennelle Smith, shot put (39-10 1/2) and discus (121-11). ■



## JUNE

**2-8**

Elderhostel  
*The Shenandoah Besieged*

**10** Summer Session II begins

**17-21**

B.C. Eagles Baseball Camp  
*Age groups: 8-12 and 13-16*

**21-27**

Elderhostel  
*The Shenandoah Valley*

**24-28**

B.C. Eagles Baseball Camp  
*Age group: 6-9*

**28-29**

Freshman Orientation Weekend

## JULY

**7-11**

All-Star Basketball Camp  
SESSION I  
*Boys' Day Camp (ages 8-12)*

**12-13**

Freshman Orientation Weekend

**14-16**

All-Star Basketball Camp  
SESSION II  
*Co-ed Shooting Camp (ages 10-18)*

**16-18**

All-Star Basketball Camp  
SESSION III  
*Co-ed Position Camp (ages 10-18)*

**22-26**

California Volleyball Camps and  
Clinics  
*Day or Overnight Campers*

**28-AUGUST 1**

All-Star Basketball Camp  
SESSION IV  
*Boys' Camp (ages 8-18)*

## AUGUST

**2-3**

Freshman Orientation Weekend

**4-8**

All-Star Basketball Camp  
SESSION V  
*Girls' Camp (ages 8-18)*

**27**

Fall Term classes begin

## OCTOBER 4 & 5 HOMECOMING '96

*A time for Bridgewater College graduates to return to the "storied halls" of their alma mater to visit good friends and memories from the past.*

### Reunions:

Class of '96  
Class of '91  
Class of '86  
Class of '81  
Class of '76  
Class of '71  
Wakeman Hall "B" Section

*Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet*  
Friday, October 4 7 p.m.

*Class Reunion Brunches*  
Saturday, October 5 10 a.m.

*Homecoming Parade*  
Saturday, October 5 noon

*Chorale & Stage Band Concert*  
Saturday, October 5 7:30 p.m.

*Homecoming Dance*  
Saturday, October 5 9 p.m.

*Because James Madison University's Homecoming falls on the same weekend, we recommend you make your reservations early!*  
Call (540) 828-5451  
for more information.

## FALL 1996 FOOTBALL

### SEPTEMBER

**7** at Western Maryland  
1:30 p.m.

**14** at Bethany  
1:30 p.m.

**21** at Emory & Henry\*  
1:30 p.m.

**28** Open

### OCTOBER

**5 HAMPDEN-SYDNEY\***  
1:30 p.m.  
*Homecoming Weekend*

**12 METHODIST**  
1:30 p.m.  
*Parents' Day*

**19** at Guilford\*  
1:30 p.m.

**26 JOHN HOPKINS**  
1:30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

**2 WASHINGTON & LEE\***  
1:30 p.m.

**9** at Randolph-Macon\*  
1:30 p.m.

**16 DAVIDSON**  
1:30 p.m.

\* ODAC game

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 1996-97:

**Sept. 16 & 17** *Anna B. Mow Lecture*, William H. Gray III, President and CEO, United Negro College Fund • **Oct. 5** Homecoming • **Oct. 12** Parents' Day • **Oct. 10-13** Pinion Players' Fall Production • **Oct. 15** *Lyceum*, Jon Manasse, clarinetist • **Oct. 21 & 22** *Weimer Lecture*, Jennifer K. Harbury, human rights leader • **Nov. 5** Winter Term begins • **Nov. 13 & 14** *Lyceum*, Dr. Diane Ackerman, poet/writer • **Nov. 20** *Lyceum*, Richmond Symphony Orchestra • **Dec. 8** Oratorio Choir • **Dec. 14-16** Madrigal Dinners • **1997** • **Jan. 16-18** Pinion Players' Winter Production • **March 4** *Lyceum*, Julianne Baird, soprano • **March 12 & 13** *George S. Aldhizer II Lecture*, Glenn C. Loury, Boston University • **April 4** Founder's Day • **May 10** Alumni Day • **May 11** Baccalaureate and Commencement

## COURSES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

### *The Spring Flora*

by DR. L. MICHAEL HILL

**D**r. Frances Silliman taught a "Spring Flora" course for many years at Bridgewater. When I arrived in 1972, Dr. Jopson asked me if I could teach the course. I told him I could, although deep down I knew I could not. I spent too much time in the lab when I was in graduate school. I never took the time to learn the roses, let alone smell them!

So, I went to work and learned plants. That is what makes the teaching of Spring Flora such an experience for me: I am still learning plants, and the students are learning along with me.

Since the spring term starts way before flowers come out in nature, I must rely on the creativity of the students and the greenhouse. I can go around the area and remove basal rosettes of flora I know will come up, transplant them into a greenhouse setting, and do a "show and tell." This allows the student to see live plants even though it is still too cold or too rainy to get outside. I also ask each student to bring in three live plants. This is part of their grade. I am always amazed at how good they are at bringing in a diverse group of live plants which then can be shared with the entire group.

I emphasize "learning how to learn" plants by teaching family characteristics. Thanks to a 2 by 2 slide collection of increasing numbers, as well as using live samples from the greenhouse, I can survey these families in three ways: show the natives, the introduced ornamentals, and some information about how the plants are used by man. Students can learn to identify Bloodroot but also learn that the red juice in the root has medicinal purposes and is good for cleaning your teeth! Also, they learn that the family of bloodroot, the *Papaveraceae*, contains the opium poppy. Or, they can learn Wild Turnip, a common yellow flowering weed of the area, but also learn that the family of Wild Turnip, the *Brassicaceae*, contains



*Dr. L. Michael Hill, Harry G. M. Jopson professor of biology and chair of the biology department, shows his class a lilac flower as he leads his students on a botanical tour of the Bridgewater campus.*

one species which has been genetically modified into the following vegetables: broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, cabbage and turnip!

Toward late April and early May we get out into the field. But, the class is large. I have to be careful not to impact an area with so many visitors at once. We make use of the local areas: Sandy Bottom, the riverbank behind Jopson field, the "Cliffs" area where North and Dry rivers join northwest of Bridgewater, and the George Washington National Forest. In the latter habitat, I make them aware of the Endangered Species list for that area, which mainly are all of the orchids, so that they will not harm these plants. And they are taught not to collect plants from National Parks, since

Shenandoah Park is nearby.

I hope in the end that the students, many of whom are not biology majors, can appreciate plants esthetically and from a practical viewpoint as well. Most importantly I hope they learn the value of conservation, which is something I preach from day one: plants are only as successful as the habitats they are found in. Thus, the conservation of the habitat is essential.

In conclusion, I would hope that students who take the course can apply what they have learned to where they will make their home someday: from the five-acre estate to the typical half acre; from the little deck on the back of an apartment to the small ledge on the inside of a south-facing bay window. ■



# TEARING IT UP

by ELLEN K. LAYMAN  
photos by JEAN J. SINGER



**T**hese guys — Kevin Fee, Mario Webb, Cole Corbitt, Scott Brown and Willie Grayson — are somewhat of a paradox.

They say they participate in track and field because it's individual competition. "It's clear cut...If you beat somebody, you did it. In track, there are always individual results."

And they do compete in individual events: Brown in the 110 hurdles, the 400 hurdles and the javelin; Corbitt in the 100, 200 and 400 sprints, in the long jump and the javelin; Fee in the 100, the 200, the triple jump and sometimes in the long jump; and Grayson and Webb in the 100 and 200. Brown, with wins in the 110 high hurdles and the 400 hurdles, was the Old Dominion Athletic Conference's Male Track Athlete of the Year for 1996.

Yet, they run the 4x100 relay where trust in — and reliance on — a teammate are the ultimate factor in success. In that 20-meter zone where the baton has to be handed from one speedster at full pace to another speedster at full pace, confidence

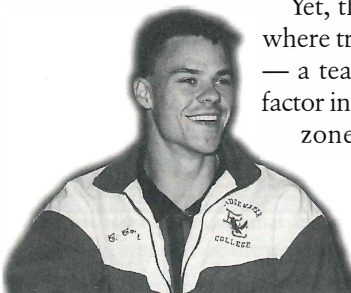
in the other guy, not solely in one's own ability, means the difference between a record-breaking day and just another track meet.

Matching stride for stride, the runners execute a blind exchange — the starting runner has to know, just *know* without a doubt, that his teammate will slap the baton cleanly into the hand he has stretched behind him. He can't look to see if it's there. He has to know it instinctively. When that happens in three successive handoffs, as it did last spring in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championships and as it has several times this spring, the 4x100 is a magical event — a smooth, fluid execution of perfect timing and cooperation. And it's over in about 42 seconds.

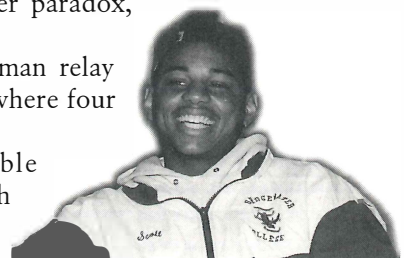
There's another paradox, too.

This is a five-man relay team in a contest where four men compete.

With no visible jealousy over which four get to run in



COLE CORBITT



SCOTT BROWN

any particular race, they analyze their strengths.

Fee, a sophomore from Bristol, Va., and Webb, a freshman from Kenbridge, Va., are good starters, and Fee “runs a good curve.”

Grayson, a junior from Blacksburg, Va., is known for his ability to “get the lead if we don’t already have it.”

Brown, a sophomore from Madison Heights, Va., who often runs the third leg, admits that “most of the time when I start, we already have a lead. I just try to increase it.”

And Corbitt, a senior from Edinburg, Va., who frequently is selected to run the anchor leg, sees that role as “the glory position. We usually have plenty of lead by then. I really don’t know why I get to win the race.”

Actually, Coach Shane Stevens shifts the rotation from race to race, giving the appearance at least that any of the five could take any position, and he’d still field a powerful 4x100 relay team.

Brown, Corbitt, Fee and Grayson broke a 25-year-old Bridgewater record at the 1995 ODAC championships, with a time of :42.09. They missed qualifying for the national championships by .06 of a second.

This year, with the addition of Webb, they’ve shaved another .07 of a second off the record and expect to be flying to Naperville, Ill., in late May for the national competition. At least, they are planning for all of them to be flying — Webb has serious doubts about whether man was meant to fly and isn’t at all anxious to try it.

Recalling the ’95 ODACs, Corbitt remembered how relaxed the team was going into the race. Everybody expected Bridgewater to win — “we knew we were going to win it, and everything just fell



perfectly for us that day.”

As the race progressed, long-time Bridgewater track coach Harry G. M. “Doc” Jopson, who although officially retired still works with the team daily, stood in the infield of the East-

ern Mennonite University track, turning with the flow of the race. His face radiated what was happening more emphatically than the stopwatches did.

He had coached the team 25 years ago that still held the Bridgewater record. And he had watched enough track meets to know this was a stellar race. “I can’t believe it,” he kept repeating, as each handoff was executed to perfection. He knew it would go in the record books.

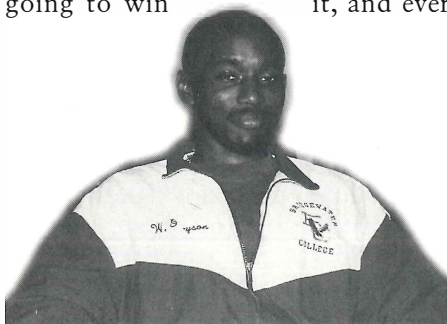
“We didn’t expect to run that well,” Fee remembers. And Corbitt adds, “We didn’t know until we were told that we had broken the Bridgewater record.”

Once informed, the runners broke into permanent grins and began a series of hugfests that kept them pumped for the rest of the afternoon.

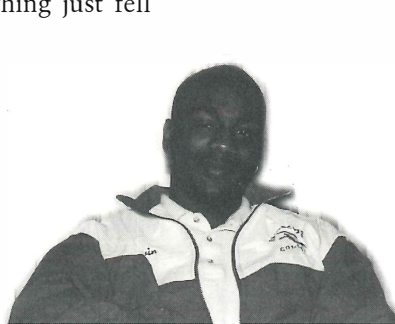
This season, with nationals once again the goal, the clean exchanges have become a Bridgewater trademark. At the Duke Invitational Relays, where the relay team faced its first real competition of the season, Bridgewater finished 10th in the 4x100 — the top Division III school in the 24-team race. Only Division I and II teams posted better times.

The guys know that a lot of the teams they compete against at the Division III level are faster runners — they run against them in the sprints. Where the Eagles have the edge is in the handoff, the teamwork, the trust.

That may be the ultimate paradox: in less than 42 seconds, teamwork overcomes speed. ■



WILLIE GRAYSON



MARIO WEBB



KEVIN FEE





Henry and Doris Woodie Cox speak with President Stone (left) after the Roanoke festivities. The evening gave Bridgewater alumni and friends a wonderful opportunity to get reacquainted with the college.

## Gala Evening in Roanoke

ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 28, 1996, BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE TRAVELED TO the Roanoke Valley. In a gala evening at the beautiful, newly renovated Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, more than 200 Bridgewater alumni and friends gathered to celebrate and acknowledge the college's accomplishments and new direction at the halfway point of its 10-year, \$60 million campaign, *Projection 21 — An Adventure in Excellence*.

Hosted by well-known Roanoke attorney, G. Steven Agee, the evening began with a reception followed by dinner in the famous and elegant Crystal Ballroom. The room was preserved intact during recent renovations at the historic hotel, contributing to a real sense of nostalgia for many long-time residents of the Roanoke Valley.

As a part of the spectacular evening, the 24-member Bridgewater College Chorale, directed by Dr. Jesse E. Hopkins Jr., performed for the enthusiastic audience selections from their showtime repertoire.

After dinner, Mr. Agee introduced Bridgewater president, Phillip C. Stone. His comments to the assembled guests conveyed the excitement and enthusiasm of new beginnings at the college over the previous 18 months. Dr. Stone talked about the many new initiatives directed to bringing quality students in increasing numbers to the campus in the coming years.

At the close of the evening's program, Mr. Agee delivered his own eloquent plea to all Bridgewater supporters in the audience, and throughout the Roanoke area, to pledge their time and resources to their alma mater that now, needs and deserves their support.

Much of the credit for this special evening was directed to hard-working Roanoke committee

members Gary Osborne, Bill Sar and Dorothy Murray, who spent many hours bringing the memorable evening together.

The Roanoke gala represented the first in a series of intensified activities by the college to create heightened visibility and ever-increasing interest in Bridgewater College outside of the campus and local community. ■  
— William R. Swecker



Bill Swecker, Director of Planned Giving, thanks Dottie Murray for the hard work she and the committee put into the evening.

## PROJECTION 21 REPORT

### Gaining Momentum

COMPLETION OF PROJECTION 21: AN ADVENTURE IN EXCELLENCE GAINED momentum in April when the Board of Trustees approved a Phase II plan to meet the \$60 million goal by July 1, 2000.

And a gift from an internationally acclaimed artist provided a \$50,000 boost.

Phase II builds on the progress to date — 48 percent of the goal, or \$29.1 million, raised — and sets an energetic schedule of contacts with prospective major donors and a series of special events beyond the central Shenandoah Valley.

Following on the success of the Roanoke dinner in March 1996, two more such evenings are planned during 1996-97, in Richmond and northern Virginia.

The artistic boost to the campaign was instigated by the Class of 1996. The senior class president, Heather Wiskeman Moyers, worked with internationally known artist P. Buckley Moss to secure a memorable class gift.

Ms. Moss created a painting of Bridgewater's oldest building, Memorial Hall, and contributed 500 prints, valued at \$50,000, to the senior class and the college. The seniors sold the first 160 prints, for a record-breaking \$15,000 class gift from the '96ers.

Ms. Moss' generosity will fund a scholarship for students planning to teach special education. ■

— Ellen K. Layman

# FOUNDATION UPDATE

## Scholarship from Whitehead Foundation

**T**HE LETTIE PATE WHITEHEAD FOUNDATION IN ATLANTA, GA., RECENTLY awarded Bridgewater College a grant in the amount of \$62,500 for student scholarship support. Lettie Pate Whitehead scholarships are awarded to poor and deserving Christian girls who are residents of one of the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. This grant continues the Foundation's support of Bridgewater College which began in 1973.

Lettie Pate Whitehead was born Letitia Pate in Bedford County, Va., in 1872. In 1895, she married Joseph Brown Whitehead. Her husband and an associate secured an exclusive contract to bottle and sell Coca-Cola throughout most of the United States, later founding the Atlanta Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Mrs. Whitehead served as director of the Coca-Cola Company for almost 20 years. After her husband's death, Mrs. Whitehead remarried and retired to Hot Springs, Va.; she died in 1953.

Mrs. Whitehead's generosity continues after her death through the foundation that bears her name. The foundation's award to Bridgewater College will provide scholarship support for about 40 women who otherwise might not be able to attend Bridgewater. ■

— M. Linda Wastyn

## Special Education Goal Met Early

**Y**OUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE AND THE SPECIAL Education Program has allowed us to meet our second year goal for the Jessie Ball duPont Fund matching grant four months ahead of schedule. In 1994, the Jessie Ball duPont Fund awarded Bridgewater College a grant of \$75,000 and challenged our alumni and friends to raise the remaining \$235,000 to initiate the Teacher Certification Program in Special Education. This year, our goal was to raise \$70,300 by May 30. As of March 5, we had \$75,214 in hand, and more money pledged for the special education program. The Jessie Ball duPont Fund will match this amount with a grant of \$23,433. All money raised in excess of this year's goal will be applied to next year's goal of \$116,090.

The Teacher Certification Program in Special Education continues to grow under the direction of Dr. Carole Grove, Associate Professor of Education. Eighteen undergraduates have enrolled in the program and will seek certification in special education. In addition, an average of 16 in-service teachers from

the surrounding communities enroll in each class, many for graduate credit.

The program has hired an additional full-time faculty member to teach the special education classes the growing enrollment demands.

If you would like more information about the Special Education Program, contact Dr. Grove in the Education Department or at (540) 828-5353. ■

— M. Linda Wastyn

# ANNUAL GIVING

## Phonathon Finale

**T**HE 1995-96 PHONATHON HAS ENDED AND THE NUMBER OF PLEDGES HAS increased dramatically compared to last fiscal year.

	Dollars Pledged	Donors	New Donors	Alumni Participation
1995-96	\$83,212	1123	347	34%
1994-95	\$70,596	787	161	30%

It is encouraging to see alumni participation increase as well as the total dollars pledged. Although last year 30% of alumni pledged their financial support, actual participation was only 25%. I hope all who have pledged this year will mail their contribution. ■

— Sally Jane Conner

## Class Agent News

**D**ESPITE THE BAD WEATHER, 21 OUT OF 155 CLASS AGENTS WERE ON CAMPUS in February participating in signing day. Letters were mailed to all alums who had not made a pledge in 1995-96. Plans are being made for improving the class agent program. Some of the changes will be to encourage class agents to participate in campus events, keep agents informed on the giving level of their class and target selected class agents to write solicitation letters. ■

— Sally Jane Conner

## Business Campaign Update

**A**S OF APRIL 1, 1996, \$119,572 HAS BEEN RAISED FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES TO support the 1995-96 Business Campaign, almost reaching the \$125,000 goal for this year. In an attempt to meet that goal before the end of the fiscal year, staff members will be making follow-up calls through June. ■

— Sally Jane Conner

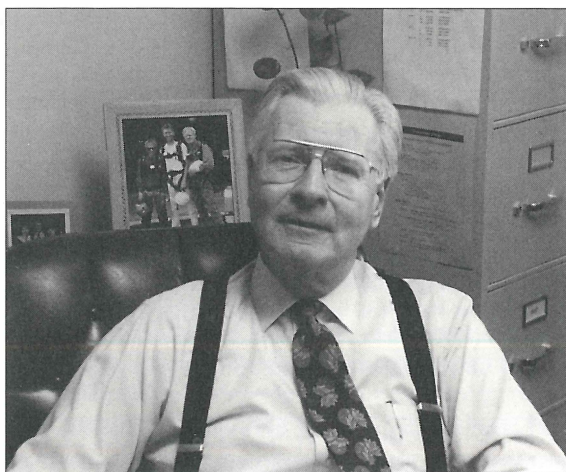


## PLANNED GIVING

### *Best Wishes, Mr. Swecker*

FOR THE 14 YEARS THAT WILLIAM R. SWECKER WORKED AT BRIDGEWATER College, he has done so with great charm, wit and professional assurance. Those with whom he has worked will greatly miss the stories and smiling face which accompany any meeting with Bill.

Bill joined the Bridgewater staff on Sept. 1, 1982, as Director of Planned Giving, later accepting



additional responsibilities as Associate Director of Development. He also has served in an interim capacity as Director of Development.

During his tenure at Bridgewater, Bill established the Codicil Club, directed numerous estate-planning seminars and represented the college in financial relationships with many of its most generous alumni and friends.

The Estate Planning Committee members, recognizing Bill for his many years of service, presented him with a print of a Civil War battle scene, "Serious Work Ahead," by Dale Gallon.

Bill grew up in Bridgewater, graduated from high school in West Virginia and graduated from Morris Harvey College, now the University of Charleston, W. Va. Before coming to Bridgewater College, he worked in newspaper and television advertising, with various welfare and health agencies and as Director of Alumni Relations at Morris Harvey.

In retirement, Bill will be expanding his volunteer role with the Harrisonburg Turks baseball team and indulging his interests in sky-diving, travel and history. In addition, he will have more time to spend with his wife, the former Wanda Zimmerman, at their Bridgewater home. ■

—Jean J. Singer

## CHURCH RELATIONS

### *Spiritual Life Institute*

THE 1996 SPIRITUAL LIFE INSTITUTE, THE 101ST HELD AT BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE, focused on ministerial leadership with Dr. Eugene F. Roop, president of Bethany Theological Seminary, and the Rev. Elaine M. Sollenberger, former moderator of the Church of the Brethren, as featured speakers.

Included in the workshops during the three-day event was an examination of a paper to be before the 1996 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in Cincinnati: "Ministerial Leadership: An Annual Conference Study."

Dr. Roop and Mrs. Sollenberger each addressed one of the evening worship services held in the Church of the Brethren adjacent to the campus.

Outstanding service awards were presented at the annual recognition dinner to Rebecca V. Myers, a 1930 Bridgewater graduate, and Dr. Dean R. Neher, retired professor of physics and computer science at Bridgewater.

Miss Myers was cited for her career in social work with the American Red Cross and the Veterans Administration, as well as for her extensive volunteer efforts since returning to Bridgewater in retirement in 1981. She has worked with the On Earth Peace Assembly, Church Women United, the Shenandoah Folk Art and Heritage Center, the North River Library and the Central Valley Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Dr. Neher's involvement with church youth was cited in his award. For some 35 years, he has been advisor to the Interdistrict Youth Cabinet, the leadership group of Church of the Brethren students who maintain contacts with young people throughout the southeastern U.S. and who plan the annual Youth Roundtable held on campus each spring. ■

—Ellen K. Layman



*Elaine Sollenberger speaks to the Spiritual Life Institute about 'Ministerial Leadership.'*

# CLASS NOTES

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**Augustus Martin Modisett** of Luray, Va., celebrated his 100th birthday on March 21, 1996, at the Mimslyn Inn with family and friends. Gus attributes his long life to a basic philosophical principle: "I didn't smoke or drink, and I didn't run around all hours of the night like they do today. I stayed home and worked." After graduating from Bridgewater College, Gus went into farming. He then served as general manager of the Luray Ice Co. for several years; worked at the Ford Tannery, the state auditing department and the Page Power Co.; and was co-owner of the Luray Mercantile Business. He returned to farming in the late 1940s at the family farm. Gus and his wife, the late Eliza Shirley, owned and operated the Quality Court Motel for 13

years before selling it to Luray Caverns Corp. in May 1966.

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**Florena Evans Duling** writes that after completing her first year at Bridgewater, she went on to earn a master's degree in education at West Virginia University. Florena and her husband Galen live at Sunnyside Retirement Village in Harrisonburg. They have two sons and six grandchildren, including **Matthew Duling, '99**, a freshman at Bridgewater.

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**William J. Hotchkiss, '42**, and **John T. Glick Jr., '43**, were honored by the Broadway-Timberville Chamber of Commerce in February 1996. The two were named

the business of the year for their clinic in Broadway, which they began in 1950, running most of their calls from home.

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**Dr. Garner H. Downey** is in his 46th year of practice as an optometrist in Elkton, Va., where he still practices part-time assisted by his wife, Mae Frances. The Downeys celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1995. Their daughter, Karen, is a Presbyterian minister in Ridgeway, Pa.

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**Leslie R. Harper** served as treasurer for the campaign of Mayor L. A. "Pete" Brooks Jr. for City Council in Waynesboro, Va. Les is retired after serving 13 years

as manager of Jefferson National Bank in Palmyra, Va. During World War II, he served in the Pacific theater in operations with the U.S. Marine Corps where he rose to the rank of staff sergeant. Les is a member of Basic United Methodist Church and the Waynesboro Exchange Club. He and his wife, Caroline, live in Waynesboro.

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**Ivan W. Lobban** of McPherson, Kan., writes that he is sorry that he won't be able to attend his 45th class reunion at Bridgewater College in May 1996.

**Dr. Larry C. Smith** retired in November 1995 from his position as a staff psychiatrist at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Huntington, W.Va.

## A L U M N I P R O F I L E

### *Doris Kohne Knicely, '64*

The late **Doris Kohne Knicely, '64**, who died in December 1995, has been honored by the Central High School Future Homemakers of America (FHA) with the creation of a scholarship in her memory.

Doris, a teacher and FHA leader for 27 years until her retirement in 1993 due to illness, was an integral part of the school — a happy face in the hallway and a dedicated instructor in the classroom.

She was instrumental in many FHA programs including helping to organize the occupational childcare program and keeping up-to-date on new goals, educational opportunities and programs for work and family studies students.

She was a key player in the development and implementation of the county's family life education program, and she wrote the material

for the seventh grade exploratory work and family studies curriculum in Shenandoah County.

During her educational career, her FHA/HERO chapter was named outstanding chapter for 27 years.

Doris was not only a leader for the students, she was a role model for other teachers.

The scholarship is funded through donations which can be sent to the school, in care of the Knicely memorial, to:

1147 Susan Avenue  
Woodstock, Va. 22664

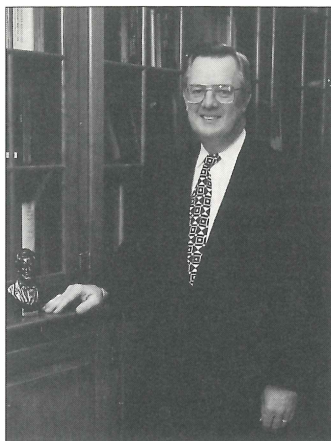
The scholarship will benefit a Central High School senior majoring in home economics education or related fields such as interior design, early childhood education, food, fashion or work and family studies. ■

— Mary K. Heatwole



# A L U M N I P R O F I L E

## Phillip C. Stone, '65



Bridgewater President **Phillip C. Stone, '65**, has begun a one-year term as president-elect of the Virginia Bar Association, a voluntary professional association of nearly 6,000 Virginia lawyers.

Phil practiced law for 24 years with the Harrisonburg firm of

Wharton, Aldhizer & Weaver before becoming Bridgewater's chief executive officer in August 1994. He is in line to serve as the bar association's president for 1997, succeeding Douglas P. Rucker Jr. of Richmond, the current president.

Phil earned his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1970. He served as chair of the VBA's executive committee in 1995 and is a former chair of the Civil Litigation Section Council. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Bar Foundation and has been named in all five editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He also is a past president of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bar Association.

One of his former law partners at Wharton, Aldhizer & Weaver, M. Bruce Wallinger of Harrisonburg, serves on the VBA's executive committee.

Phil, a native of Bassett, Va., and his wife, the former Cherrill Kline, '66, make their home on the Bridgewater campus. They are the parents of four children — Phil Jr., '87; Robert, '94; John, '95; and Elizabeth, '96 — and have two grandchildren. ■

— Ellen K. Layman

**Clayton Towers** of Bridgewater was featured in January in the Harrisonburg *Daily News-Record*. Clayton has been observing the weather for nearly 70 years, recording temperatures in Bridgewater since 1962 and precipitation since 1965. He provides weather information three times a day to WHSV-TV 3 in Harrisonburg and also gives information to weather forecasters at Channel 29 in Charlottesville and Channel 8 in Richmond/Petersburg and to the *Daily News-Record*. When it comes to forecasting, Clayton says "I don't like to think of it as being accurate; I like to think of it as being useful information."

**Dr. Thomas E. Wagner**, retired as a dentist, is enjoying visiting his two grandsons, traveling, golfing, fishing and hunting. He and his

wife Betty live in Mechanicsville, Md.

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**Sam Gouldthorpe Jr.** and his wife Alice of Dinwiddie, Va., spent nine days in January 1996 on a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. Sam plans to retire from active ministry in July, after 39 years of service. After July 1, the Gouldthorpes will be making their home in Dahlgren, Va.

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**James Y. Taylor** of Newport News, Va., is the owner of Acquisition Consulting of Virginia, which provides training in federal procurement processes. James retired from the NASA Langley Research Center in March 1995.

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**Vincent J. "Buddy" Comer** of Shenandoah, Va., is the football and girls' track coach at Page County High School, a baseball umpire and an ever-present basketball referee. In the past 35 years, he has played minor league baseball, coached a state basketball championship team and refereed or umpired in 28 state finals or semifinals. Buddy considers himself addicted to sports and says it will be a sad day when he has to give it up.

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**Anne W. Carver** of Beaufort, S.C., is co-directing expenditures of \$10 million to upgrade and expand technology resources and services for the Beaufort County school district.

**Dennis L. Miller** of Mt. Crawford, Va., served as 1995 District Governor for the Rockingham Ruritan National.

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**Philip Eyler**, currently semi-retired and living in Kenora, Ontario, on the Lake of the Wood, is working part-time for Contact North, the electronic distance education network for northern Ontario. Phil keeps busy market gardening in the summer and doing income tax preparation in the winter and is a member of the board of Lake of the Woods Museum. He formerly served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba and was the assembly's deputy speaker from 1983-86. He is married and has two sons ages 11 and 12.

**H. Nelson McConnell** and his wife Ann are looking forward to their daughter Beth's graduation from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va. this spring, and to her marriage in July. The McConnells are living in Stuart, Va.

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**Jarrett M. Edwards** and **Bonnie Robertson Edwards, '71**, completed masters of education programs from the University of Texas in May 1995. Jarrett also received certification in school administration. They live in Whitehouse, Texas.

**Dr. June A. Flora** is continuing to do health communication at Stanford University. She has two chil-

dren, ages 4 and 2. June writes "I wonder how all of my B.C. pals are doing!" She lives in Menlo Park, Calif.

**Thomas E. Murray** is director of human resources for Standard Motor Products in Prince George County, Va. Tom and his wife, Shirley, who does volunteer work, have two children, Anna, 12, and Thomas, 10. Tom enjoys playing softball, tennis and golf. He also coaches children's soccer, basketball and baseball. The Murrays live in Chesterfield, Va.

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**Grover C. Collins III** of Berlin, Md., is a registered representative for Prudential Financial Services, where he

led the Northeast Region in sales for a second time. Grover has been with Prudential for 17 years and has led his district for five years consecutively. He received the National Sales Achievement Award and the National Quality Award in 1995.

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**Donna Fawley Kiracofe** is a kindergarten teacher at North River Elementary School in the Augusta County school system. She lives in Bridgewater.

**Mary Slis Mellinger** and her husband Steve are living in Kailua, Hawaii. Mary is a substitute teacher with the Department of Education.

**Charlie Wilson** and **Dr. Betty Karol Fairchilds Wilson, '75**, live in Abilene, Texas, where they continue to be active in many community activities. Betty Karol teaches voice and vocal literature at Abilene Christian University and conducts three community ensembles, including two adult and one youth chorus. She reports they will be looking for tour sites during the next year and would be pleased to hear from alums and friends who might like to host a group.

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**Richard A. Clarke** of Phoenix, Md., and his wife, Diana, are looking forward to the class of '76s 20th reunion at Bridgewater in October. Richard writes, "We

## A L U M N I P R O F I L E

### George M. Nipe Jr., '69

When he came to Bridgewater College, **George M. Nipe Jr., '69**, decided on history as a major. And although he later switched from history to physical education, his interest in the people, events and things of the past endured.

Throughout his life, no matter what the career, George continued to study various periods in history. Most recently, he focused his attention on World War II, an endeavor which has paid off in the form of a book publishing contract.

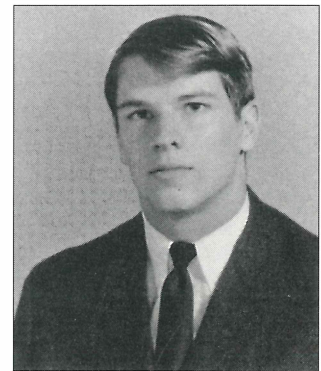
For the past 20 years, George has collected information — microfilm, texts, radio transcripts, battle plans — on events which transpired during the summer of 1943; specific research on the three interrelated battles which took place on the Russian front between July 12 and August, 1943 will be the topic of his upcoming book, *Decision in the Ukraine — Summer 1943: II. SS and III. Panzerkorps*, due out in December of this year.

The climactic, decisive battle of the three was Prochorovka. George states, "The significance of that loss was that the Germans, after the summer of 1943, no longer had a chance to win

World War II, regardless of the invasion of the European mainland by the allied armies nearly a year later."

This battle never has been understood properly, mainly due to the acceptance and repetition of incorrect information by earlier

authors. For *Decision in the Ukraine*, George utilized German army and Waffen SS records as primary sources of information, in addition to actual maps, battle reports and radio message transcripts during the battle of Prochorovka. George hopes his manuscript will correct many long-held, mistaken beliefs concerning this battle — and provide interesting reading as well. ■ — Jean J. Singer



George's 1967 yearbook photo



## A L U M N I P R O F I L E

### Beverly Thompson Armbruster, '75



Bev Armbruster at the 1996 Alumni Banquet.

**Beverly Thompson Armbruster, '75**, is the new president of the Bridgewater College Alumni Association for 1996-97.

Bev says that becoming a part of the Alumni Association helped her maintain close ties with the college which is important to her. A "daughter" of Bridgewater

College, she would like to see her alma mater develop into a forerunner of higher education in the state of Virginia. Being a member of the Alumni Association's leadership, she will have ample opportunity to contribute to the realization of that hope.

As president, her goals include strengthening and revitalizing the local alumni chapters, strengthening on-campus programs for and about alumni and helping current students become more aware of the Alumni Association.

Bev and her husband, **Robert Armbruster**, also '75, live in Virginia Beach, Va. with their two sons, Tom, 14, and Steven, 12.

She teaches teen living (formerly home economics) at Salem Junior High School in Virginia Beach. ■

— Mary K. Heatwole

hope to see some 'old' friends there!"

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**Dr. Raymond W. "Chip" Studwell** spoke to an assembly of students at Montevideo Middle School in March as part of the school's Project Success program, which recognizes students' achievements, especially when it requires extra effort on the student's part. Chip spoke about the changes he went through as his blindness progressed and how he realized he simply needed to adjust in order to make it through life. According to Chip, his blindness did not change who he is as a person, and he realized that the things he wanted to do didn't have a lot to do with being able to see. Chip lives in Harrisonburg and is director of counseling at Bridgewater College.

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**Craig Waters** reports on the Ironman competition held in Hawaii in December 1995, in which four alums from Bridgewater placed second in the team competition. Joining Craig on the team were **Ed Gibbs**, **Greg Harper** and **Jim Tucker**, '79.

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**Tony Stovall** of Bridgewater, is a detective with the Rockingham County sheriff's department.

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**Clois Walton Bell** of Little Rock, Ark., writes "enjoyed seeing everyone at our 15th class reunion. It was well worth the long trip. The jazz band and chorale were spectacular!"

**Dreama Martin Pressly** of Tarboro, N.C., has been

married to William H. Pressly III for 14 years. Dreama is a reading recovery teacher for Edgecombe County schools, and Bill is a validation specialist for a software engineering consultants group.

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**Daniel W. Ulrich** of Richmond, Va., has been appointed assistant professor of New Testament Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Ind. Dan earned a Master of Divinity degree from Bethany and will receive his Ph.D. in biblical studies at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond in May 1996. An ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren, Dan and his wife Paula, along with their two children, Jonathan, 6, and Rachel, 3, will be moving to Indiana this summer.

**Kevin F. Wholey** continues to teach and coach football

at Gayle Middle School. He lives in Stafford County, Va., with his wife Virginia and their two children, Christopher, 6, and Samantha, 4.

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**Sharon Cobb Hutchison** and her husband Martin are serving as co-pastors of the Florin Church of the Brethren in Mt. Joy, Pa. The Hutchisons also share parenting responsibilities for their two daughters, Caroline, 4, and Emma, 1.

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**Laura C. Stump** is teaching French at Stuarts Draft High School in Augusta County, Va. She recently built a house on the family farm in the Stuarts Draft area.

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**Robert Bates** of Bridgewater has been named

vice president of NationsBank Mortgage Corp. In Harrisonburg.

**William V. "Bill" Sutton** moved to Summerville, S.C., late last year. He is a CPA and currently the controller for Asbestos Control Services, Inc., an environmental remediation company in Charleston, S.C. Bill has become involved in community theater and in November 1995 he performed in the Flowertown Players' production of "Lend Me a Tenor" — his first stage appearance since being a student at Bridgewater. He also has performed in the Flowertown's

productions of "They'd Hang you in Nashville," and the musical "Little Shop of Horrors." Bill sings in the church choir at Bethany United Methodist Church. He writes that he has lost touch with many of his B.C. classmates and invites them to contact him via e-mail at [bsutton@awod.com](mailto:bsutton@awod.com).

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**Jonathan A. Moyer** is a senior project scientist with Consulting Services Inc., an environmental risk management and consulting firm serving the insurance indus-

try. Jonathan lives in Schwenksville, Pa.

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**Connie Cochran** of Suffolk, Va., is the first woman to serve as leader of the Nansemond-Suffolk Volunteer Rescue Squad in its 35-year history. In addition to serving as captain, she also was named "Squadperson of the Year" for 1995. Connie has received certification as an emergency medical technician, is a cardiac technician and is currently pursuing training to become a paramedic. She also is a

driver education instructor and teacher in Gates County, N.C. By the end of the 1997 school year, she'll have taught every student in Gates County, including five grades of students who've already graduated.

**Lora Burris Pitman** recently completed the first step in obtaining her certified benefits specialist certification. She also was promoted to manager of survey services for Burris & Associates in July 1995. Lora lives in Murfreesboro, Tenn., with her 3-year-old daughter, Courtney.

## A L U M N I P R O F I L E

### James M. Bryant, '59

The name **James M. Bryant** ('59) has been synonymous with "Bridgewater alumni" for many years.

Even before joining the Bridgewater staff in 1987, he was an active alumnus of the college. Tacking the word alumni onto his job title simply made his strong connection to Bridgewater more official.

Before returning to the college as the director of alumni relations and annual giving, Jim used his sociology degree to become a social worker. He has been assigned to the juvenile court systems in Waynesboro and Roanoke County and later came to Staunton as the chief probation officer of the juvenile court.

While in Staunton, Jim practiced ways B.C. alumni could affect and assist current students. He and Professor William E. Barnett from Bridgewater created a quasi-internship in which students participated in a self-study program while working in conjunction with the juvenile court. Eventually, all four students chose social work as a career.

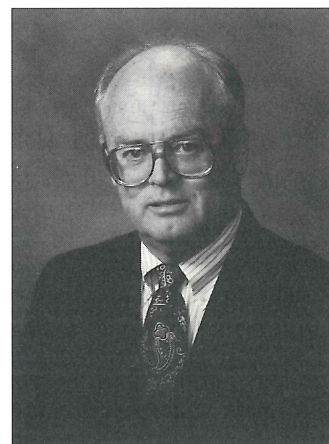
Today, part of Jim's job is building connections not unlike those he and Prof. Barnett made in the mid-'60s.

Although keeping alumni connected to the Bridgewater College they knew and also the

current Bridgewater often presents a challenge, the endeavor is worthwhile. His position also provides numerous "neat" opportunities. From the hand-printed thank you notes from a 6 year old for a B.C. stocking cap to watching classmates meet again at their 50th reunion, his job definitely has advantages.

Encouraging alumni to perpetuate the relationships begun at Bridgewater and fostering new ones will be easier...now that Jim and the Alumni Association have adopted a 1996-97 action plan. Though the intent always had existed, having a specific plan provides focus. The response to the ambitious step has been enthusiastic and positive. With great excitement, Jim states the plan "is not a one person project, and not even a Board project — it involves *all* alumni."

And at the helm...Jim. ■ — *Jean J. Singer*





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**Sarah LaCharité Miller** and her husband, **Howard L. Miller, '90**, own a home in Waynesboro, Va., where they are living with their 2-year-old daughter, Kylie.

**Kenneth L. Williams** and **Carmella Davis Williams, '93**, of Roanoke, Va., recently celebrated their five-year wedding anniversary. Kenneth is employed as sales representative for New York Carpet World, and Carmella works as a data processor for Allstate Insurance Co. Their daughter, Brittany Nicole, will begin kindergarten this fall.

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**Greg W. Campbell** of Stuarts Draft, Va., is manager of the Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport.

**Karen Doss**, graduate student and public information staff writer at Radford University, has received an Advancement Newcomers Scholarship from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Twelve scholarships are awarded annually to individuals with less than three years experience in university advancement, providing registration and expenses for the CASE District III conference in Atlanta. Each scholarship recipient is matched with a senior advancement professional who acts as a mentor throughout the coming year.

**Kelly Manley** of Athens, Ga., has received a master's degree in sociology from the University of Georgia, where she is working on her doctorate.

**James C. McCormick** is a broker with the investment firm of Scott & Stringfellow Inc. in Harrisonburg. He previously was a member of the Harrisonburg Police Department, where he was a DARE officer in the crime prevention unit.

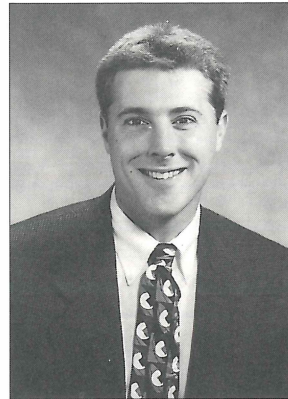
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**Darla Bowman Deardorff** of Raleigh, N.C., is serving as the 1996 president of the North Carolina Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research. She also led workshops at the state conference of the North Carolina Association of International Educators. Darla and her husband Duane plan to spend the summer working in Germany.

**Theresa A. Dickerson** is working as assistant manager for Music for a Song, a retail store in Vero Beach, Fla., where she is living.

**Anne E. Holloway** is currently a Ph.D. student in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., where she lives. She is planning to do an internship in Colorado this summer with U.S. West Communications and hopes to complete her dissertation by February 1997.

**Mark A. Sherman** is a senior auditor with the accounting firm of McGladrey & Pullen in Las Vegas. Prior to being transferred, he was employed by the firm in Harrisonburg for three years. In August 1996, Mark plans to enter graduate school at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.



Mark A. Sherman

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**Scott Alan Brown** of Sykesville, Md., is the new media marketing representative for the *Carroll County Times*, the local newspaper. Scott was responsible for launching *Carroll County Online*, an online version of the daily paper and creating Times Line, a telephone information system that will allow callers instant access to local and national late breaking stories, sports scores, calendar of events and a county-wide home-work hotline.

**Robert J. Popowicz** of Woodford, Va., is a civil engineer and project manager in the Planning and Design Bureau of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation.

**Sara Dickenson Showalter** of Broadway, Va., is teaching second grade at Linville-Edom Elementary School in Rockingham County. To mark the 100th day of the school year, Sara invited a 100-year-old former student to the classroom to discuss his days at the school.

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Following his graduation from Bridgewater College, **David Lee Rupe** attended Radford University to receive his masters degree in art. In December 1995, he entered the U.S. Army and completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.



David Lee Rupe

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**Jonathan N. Browning** is a senior account executor with S.P. Atkinson & Associates, a financial planning company. He lives in Manassas, Va.

**Tony Cofield** of Bridgewater is a supervisor and office accounting clerk at the Rack & Sack store in Harrisonburg.

**Kristi Dawn Craig** of Staunton, Va., is pursuing a master of arts degree in counseling at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg.

**Allison Shirley Cross** of Leesburg, Va., is working as a study technician in the histology department of Corning Hazleton Inc., a pharmaceutical company.

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## ALUMNI PROFILE

### Mothers Know Best



*Bridgewater friends and classmates Nancy Withrow (front left) and Joy Harsh (front, second from left) helped bring their daughter and son together. In front of Blue Ridge Hall with Dottie Lou Cool (front) and (back row) Margaret Reynolds and Loretta Forbes.*

When **Joy Harsh Flory, '54**, and **Nancy Withrow Sensabaugh, '56**, were assigned as roommates in 1952, they never imagined that one day they would become in-laws, linked by a marriage between their two children, Gary Flory and Ella Sensabaugh Flory.

The friendship that developed during the two years they lived together at Bridgewater was so strong it continued throughout the years despite the physical distance between them.

Their correspondence passed from Ohio and Virginia at least once a year.

Gary, Joy's son, and Ella, Nancy's daughter, first met in 1975, when Joy and her family, who lived in Ohio, visited the Sensabaughs in Virginia.

Fifteen years later, Gary had moved to Mt. Crawford, Va., and Ella was teaching first grade in Front Royal, Va. Their moms were enjoying another visit when the talk turned to their two still-single children.

Each mother provided her child with the other's phone number, but both Gary and Ella were reluctant to call. Gary didn't think he would be interested in anyone recommended by his mother, and Ella was skeptical about contacting someone she hadn't seen in 15 years.

It turns out that the mothers were right. After some encouragement from a friend, Ella eventually called Gary.

They fell in love at first sight. Eighteen months later, the two were happily married, and still are four years later. ■

— Mary K. Heatwole



*Gary and Ella Flory*

## WEDDING BELLS

**Zola Wampler Farley, '48**, and Charles William Byers Jr. were married Feb. 17, 1996, in Bridgewater, Va. They live in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., where Charles is a self-employed real estate agent.

**Ann Anderson Botkin, '63**, and Charles Hunter Scott were married Jan. 6, 1996, in Staunton, Va. Ann formerly was employed as administrative assistant at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Harrison-

burg. Charles is executive vice president of B & S Contracting Inc. in Staunton and Harrisonburg. The couple is living in Staunton.

**Tessie Lynn Neff, '88**, and **John William Lam, '93**, were married Dec. 2, 1995, in Edinburg, Va. Tessie is an adult probation and parole officer in Shenandoah County, and John is an environmental health specialist in Winchester, Va. The couple is living in Edinburg.

**Woodrow W. Ashby III, '92**, and Rebecca Neill O'Sullivan were married Dec. 30, 1995, in Virginia Beach, Va. The couple is living in Richmond, Va. where Chip is employed by Saunders Oil.

**Beth M. Ryman, '94**, and Scott A. Hinegardner were married Dec. 2, 1995, in Timberville, Va., where the couple is now living. Beth is an office service assistant at James Madison University,

and Scott is a sales representative at JNO. S. Sollenberger Inc. in Winchester, Va.

**Christina C. Corson, '95**, and Christopher James Reitnauer were married June 24, 1995, in Marmora, N.J. Christina is working as a lab technician. The couple is living in Goshen, N.J., where they bought a home in December 1995.

# FUTURE EAGLES

**Kathy Moss Webb, '78**, and Reggie have a son, Cyrus Clemens, born Jan. 29, 1996. Cyrus has an older sister, Mattie, 2. The Webbs live in Natural Bridge, Va.

**Randall A. Peck, '79**, and Alice have a daughter, Zoe Hannah, born Dec. 20, 1995. The Pecks are living in Fort Worth, Texas.

**Russell T. Caplen, '81**, and Kimberly have adopted a daughter, Caroline Shuming, on March 20, 1996. Caroline was born Oct. 2, 1995, in Yiyang, Hunan Province, China. The Caplens live in Alexandria, Va.

**Scott "Scottie" Knick Davis, '81**, and **Roy E. Davis Jr., '83**, have a daughter, Sydney Grace, born Feb. 9, 1996. The family lives in McGaheysville, Va.

**Scott H. Donovan, '81**, and Martha have twins, Patrick and Claire, born Aug. 28, 1994. They join big sister Kathleen, 5. The Donovans live in Manassas, Va. where Scott is an attorney in general practice.

**Kay Albaugh Hooker, '81**, and **C. Phillip Hooker, '82**, have a son, Matthew Phillip, born March 3, 1996. The family lives in Gaithersburg, Md.

**Cindy Clark Snyder, '81**, and Michael have a daughter, Shanda Renee, born Nov. 9, 1995. Shanda joins big brothers Drew, 12, and Shane, 8. Cindy is an elementary physical education teacher in Natural Bridge, Va., and Mike is a supervisor with the family exterminating business in Lexington, Va. The Snyders make their home in Fairfield, Va.

**Dawn Faircloth Flora, '82**, and **Stephen L. Flora, '85**, have a daughter, Lauren Sandra, born Jan. 23, 1996. Lauren is welcomed by big brother, Chad Stephen, 4. Steve is telecommunications manager at Bridgewater College, and Dawn is a first-grade teacher at Ottobine Elementary School near Dayton. The Floras live in Bridgewater.

**Jeannette Dodd Funkhouser, '82**, and **Vernon Allen Funkhouser '84**, have a son, Benjamin Jacob, born March 24, 1995. He joins older brother, James Robert, 7. Jeannette is employed as secretary of Midland Church of the Brethren in Midland, Va. The family lives in Warrenton, Va.

**Joseph J. Spinelli Jr., '82**, and Michelle have a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born Feb. 29, 1996. The Spinellis live in Kissimmee, Fla.

**Edward Wampler, '82**, and Deborah have a daughter, Katelyn Marie, born Feb.

23, 1996. Katelyn joins a brother, Edward Lee Jr., 6, and a sister, Stephanie Nicole, 4. The Wampplers live in Harrisonburg.

**Nancy Tharpe Long, '83**, and Bob have twins, Rachel Louisé and Zoe Marie, born March 18, 1996. The Longs live in Bel Air, Md.

**Steven Lester Propst, '83**, and April have a son, Joshua Steven, born Nov. 28, 1995. Steve is a minister in the United Methodist Church in Martinsville, Va., where the family lives.

**David E. Will, and Deborah Layman Will, both '83**, have a son, Brian Austin, born Feb. 22, 1996. Brian joins older brother, Andrew, who is one year old. David is a partner in the accounting firm of Mitchell, Wiggins & Co. Deborah is currently staying at home with the boys being a full-time mom. The family makes its home in Glen Allen, Va.

**Andrea Switzer Bodman, '85**, and Jim have a son, Luke

Edward, born Dec. 7, 1995. Luke joins big sister, Heather Elizabeth, 22 months. The Bodmans make their home in Richmond, Va.

**Alaina Hubich Hartwig, '85**, and Eric have a son, Owen Nicholas, born Oct. 11, 1995. Owen joins older brother, Nathaniel, 3. Alaina is the owner of Advanced Engraving in Charlottesville, Va. The Hartwig family lives in Barboursville, Va.

**Mark G. Luiggi, '85**, and Karen have a daughter, Alexa Marie, born Feb. 2, 1996. The family makes its home in Manassas, Va.

**Jimmie Ritchie Jr., '85**, and **Jeanne Dia Ritchie, '88**, have a son, Jacob Angus, born March 9, 1996. The Ritchies live in Harrisonburg.

**Janet Funk Forfhner, 86**, and Brad have a daughter, Naomi Ann, born March 20, 1995. Naomi joins a brother, Kyle Bradley, 4, and a sister, Annette Lianne, 3. The family makes its home in British Columbia, Canada.

**Vickie R. Glassman Hawkins, '86**, and C. Coale Hawkins Jr. have a daughter, Rachel Marie, born Aug. 16, 1995. Rachel joins big brother, Eric, 3. Vickie is an industrial hygienist with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. The family lives in Aberdeen, Md.

**Lorisa Hyatt Lawson, 86**, and James have a daughter, Rachel Ann, born Sept. 16, 1995. She joins older sister, Tiffany Paige, 2. Lorisa is staying at home as a "full-time mom" with the family in Lynchburg, Va.



*Cindy Clark Snyder with four-month-old daughter Shanda Renee.*



**Michelle Ebker Manuel, '86**, and Jeff have a daughter, Christina Ebker, born Oct. 3, 1995. Christina joins big sister, Allison, 2. Michelle reports that she is a "stay-at-home mom." The family lives in Centreville, Va.

**Elaine Hudson Hale, '87**, and Keith have a daughter, Tracey Ann, born Oct. 17, 1995. Tracey joins older sister, Lorrie, 3. Keith works for Cardinal Concrete in Centreville, Va., and Elaine is staying at home with the girls. The Hales live in Front Royal, Va.

**Kim May Capasso, '87**, and Rodney have a daughter, Lauren, born Oct. 31, 1995. Lauren joins older sister, Claire. The family lives in Mt. Sidney, Va.

**Sarah Drewry Abernathy, '88**, and Francis-James have a daughter, Sarah-Nicole "Nikki" Rich, born Nov. 16, 1995. Nikki joins older brother, Jake, 2. Sarah is a teacher in the Lunenburg County Schools in Victoria, Va. She reports the family is enjoying the new addition to the family and a new home in Dolphin, Va.

**Timothy Johnson and Sharon Graff Johnson**, both '88, have a daughter, Alexandra Rose, born Dec. 29, 1995. The Johnsons live in Stanley, Va.

**Lora Lanzillotti Smith, '88**, and Glenn have a son, Caleb William, born Nov. 11, 1995. He joins older brother, Micah, 2. Glenn is a Virginia State Trooper in Sussex County, Va., and Lora is a full-time mom.

**Kelly McCoy Vandenberg, '88**, and Tom have their first child, Abigail Lynn, born Jan. 27, 1996. Kelly works part-time as a park ranger in Glacier Bay National Park, and Tom is employed by the U.S. Forest Service. The Vandenberg family live in Juneau, Alaska.

**Gregory Dofflemyer, '89**, and Stephanie have a daughter, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, born Feb. 27, 1996. The family lives in Elkton, Va.

**Charles W. Grant, '89**, and Vonda have a son, Colton Westley, born Dec. 26, 1995. Charles is assistant department manager at Unifi Inc. in Staunton, Va., where the family lives.

**Alan Landes, '89**, and Jennifer have a son, Nathan Parkins, born Dec. 18, 1995. The family lives in Weyers Cave, Va.

**Carmen Mowery Silvius, '89**, and Wayne have a son, Isaac Wayne, born Feb. 18, 1996. The family lives in Woodstock, Va.

**Matthew I. Smith, '89**, and Joyce Oliver have a son, Nicholas David, born April 10, 1996. Matthew is a senior salesman for Smith-Midland Corporation in Midland, Va.

**E. Todd DeBerry, '90**, and **Kristin Cossairt DeBerry, '91**, have a daughter, Kelsey Erin, born Nov. 27, 1995. The DeBerrys live in Leesburg, Va.

**Deon Eugene Gibbons, '90**, and **Carrie Pirkey Gibbons, '92**, have a son, Drew Eugene, born Sept. 17,

1995. The family lives in Stuarts Draft, Va.

**Mark Edward Sarver and Aimee Pressel Sarver**, both '90, have their first child, a daughter, Kaylee Ann, born July 20, 1995. Mark owns and operates Sarver Developmental Industries, a marketing and management consulting firm. Aimee works part-time as a certified therapeutic recreation specialist at Sheltering Arms Physical Rehabilitation Hospital in Richmond, Va. The family makes its home in Midlothian, Va.

**Mark Wheeler, '90**, and Mitzi have a son, Adam Cane, born Jan. 29, 1996. The Wheelers live in Buena Vista, Va.

**Christopher Dodson, '91**, and Tracy have a daughter, Tayler Kaylynn, born Nov. 26, 1995. The Dodsons live in Elkton, Va.

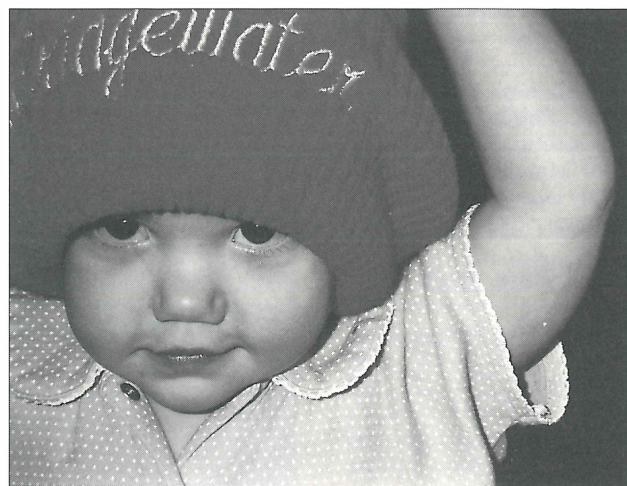
**David W. Peal, '91**, and **Christine Elliott Peal, '92**,

have their first child, a son, Colin Taylor, born Feb. 19, 1996. Christine is an assistant children's librarian in Martinsburg, W.Va., and David is a state police officer in Charles Town, W.Va., where the family lives.

**Teresa Morris Lutz, '92**, and Gregory have a son, Brandon Wayne, born March 12, 1996. The family lives in Grottoes, Va.

**Lynette Showalter Harvey, '94**, and Timothy have a daughter, Emily Rebekah, born March 5, 1996. The Harveys live in Grottoes, Va. Lynette teaches at Broadway High School; Tim is a student at Eastern Mennonite Seminary and the director of children's and youth ministries at Dayton Church of the Brethren.

**Christopher Edney, '95**, and Felecia have a daughter, Adriane Eileen, born Nov. 30, 1995. The family lives in Staunton, Va.



*A Future Eagle in "full form." Julie Clements at 16 months, daughter of Cathy Slusher, '80.*

# MEMORIALS

**Lula Fike Watson, '21**, of Terra Alta, W.Va., died Jan. 18, 1996, at the age of 94. Mrs. Watson taught in the Comptometer School in Washington, D.C. prior to her marriage in September 1927 to Prentiss Watson Sr., who preceded her in death. She was associated with her father and husband in the Fike-Watson Funeral Home in Terra Alta until her retirement.

**Lois Showalter Weeks, '22**, of Roanoke, Va., died in November 1995. Mrs. Weeks had been ill for some time and had been in a nursing home in Roanoke.

**Rachel Myers Zigler, '25**, of Bridgewater, Va., died Jan. 15, 1996, at the age of 90. After graduating with highest honors from Bridgewater, Mrs. Zigler taught school for one year and then went into Y.W.C.A. work at Portsmouth, N.H., and Durham, N.C. A life-long member of the Church of the Brethren, Mrs. Zigler dedicated the rest of her life to service in the church. In 1935, she moved to Elgin, Ill., where she took a position with the general church offices preparing youth program material and served as office secretary for the young people's department. In 1937, she married the late **Earl M. Zigler, '26**, who died in April 1982, and the couple went to India as missionaries for 29 years. Upon returning to the States, Mrs. Zigler worked for five years in the Public Welfare System in Maryland and also assisted her husband in pastorate in Burkittsville, Md.,

and Johnson City, Tenn. They retired to the Bridgewater Retirement Village in 1975, where she became active in volunteer work, Church Women United and the Prison Ministry. Always a scholar and interested in astronomy, Mrs. Zigler traveled to Peru in 1985 to view Haley's Comet, which she remembered seeing at the age of 5. Among her survivors are three sisters, **Rebecca V. Myers, '30**, and **Dorothy Myers Stafford, '33**, both of Bridgewater,

and **Anna Myers Harman, '35**, of Harman, W.Va.

**Ray W. Shipe Sr., '29**, of Mathias, W.Va., died March 18, 1996. Mr. Shipe had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for several years and was being cared for by his son, **Ray W. Shipe Jr., '73**, and daughter-in-law, Melanie, also of Mathias. Mr. Shipe was a retired farmer and early in life had been a school teacher. His wife, Ollie Manning

Hoskins, died Aug. 12, 1975. He was a member of the Mathias Church of the Brethren and a former member of the Mathias Ruritan Club.

**Emma Seehorn Smith, '32**, died Feb. 17, 1996, in Bridgewater at the age of 85. Mrs. Smith taught school in Rockingham County for 33 years before retiring in 1973. She taught at Spring Creek and Keezletown, but most of her teaching career

## *Simpson Dies at 80*

**Loren Sheldon Simpson, '40**, of Bridgewater, died March 14, 1996, at the age of 80.

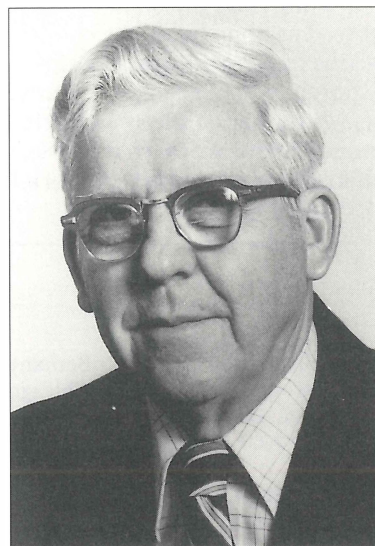
After graduating from Bridgewater College, he received a master's degree from Columbia University in 1943. He also received training as a guidance counselor at Columbia, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland. In 1976, he retired as head of the guidance department of North Carroll High School in Carroll County, Md.

Mr. Simpson played an active role in the Church of the Brethren. He served a term as moderator of the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren, on the Mid-Atlantic District Board, and for several years, was chairman of the District Reconciliation Committee.

He was a member of the board of trustees at Bridgewater College since 1963 and a life member since 1986.

In Westminster, he was on the Board of Zoning Appeals for 11 years, serving five years as chairman.

His wife, the former **Miriam Blough, '39**, survives. Also among his survivors are three daughters, **Mary Jean Cole, '65**, of Bethlehem, Pa., **Janet S. Zigler, '69**, of Middletown, Md., and **Marjorie S. Costa, '71**, of Baltimore.





## Melba Casey Pirkey, '38, A Legal Pioneer

**Melba Casey Pirkey, '38**, of Roanoke, Va., died Dec. 25, 1995, of cancer, at the age of 77.

Prior to her marriage to Norman T. Pirkey, who died in 1990, she taught commercial subjects and English in Rockingham County schools.

Following the birth of her first child, she stayed at home with her children, but became active in civic groups and at Rosalind Hills Baptist Church, where she was a charter member.

After her children were older, Mrs. Pirkey went back to work, first as a substitute teacher, then as a correspondence clerk for the Veterans

Administration.

For the next eight years, she studied law in her spare time, and at the age of 50, passed the Virginia Bar Exam on her first attempt. Her first legal job was as a trustee in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

She went on to be the first woman in Roanoke to open her own law practice in 1976, from which she retired five years ago.

Mrs. Pirkey is survived by her sister, **Wilma Casey Warren, '47**.

was at Montevideo High School. Her survivors include one son, **Dr. J. Douglas Smith, '73**, of Bridgewater, and one sister, **Marjorie S. Humberson, '37**, of Somerset, Pa.

**The Rev. Paul C. Eller, '34**, of Nampa, Idaho, died March 18, 1996, at the age of 81. After leaving Daleville Academy, he attended

Bethany Training School in Chicago and at the age of 46 was ordained to the ministry in the Church of the Brethren, pastoring churches in Idaho, California and Virginia. Mr. Eller enjoyed leading congregational music and in the 1940s, directed a district youth choir. After retiring from church work in Virginia, he moved to Idaho in

1988. He is survived by his wife, Cornelia Marquis Eller. Also among his survivors are a daughter, Janice, and son-in-law, **L. Wayne Fralin, '63**, of Fremont, Calif.; three brothers, the **Rev. Henry C. Eller, '24**, of Bridgewater, the **Rev. Raymon Eller, '36**, of North Manchester, Ind., and the **Rev. John C. Eller, '41**, of Sebring, Fla.; and one sister, **Edna E. Snively, '30**, of North Manchester.

**Paul Dennis Horst, '38**, of Hagerstown, Md., died Nov. 30, 1995, at the age of 81. He was employed by the Brethren Mutual Insurance Co. for 50 years, serving as president and treasurer for 25 years, and also, as chairman of the board. Mr. Horst was a member of the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren and also was active in many community organizations. He is survived by his wife, Doris M. Horst. Also among his survivors are a daughter, **Patricia H. Llewellyn, '80**, of Rockville, Md., and a son, **Timothy Horst, '83**, of Rockville.

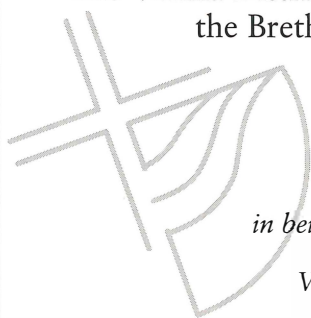
**Cleo Elizabeth Simmons, '34**, of Mt. Jackson, died March 10, 1996, at the age of 83. She taught for 39 years in the Shenandoah County public schools and taught Sunday school for more than 60 years. Mrs. Simmons was a member of the Mt. Jackson Book Club. Her husband, Luther Malcolm Simmons, died Dec. 12, 1982.

**Irvin O. Heatwole Jr., '38**, of Port Washington, Wis., died on Jan. 1, 1996, of heart failure.

**Karl L. Keller, '40**, of Fisher, W.Va., died March 29, 1996, at the age of 78. He was a retired postmaster in Fisher, where he was owner and operator of William Keller & Sons General Merchandise and Farm Equipment. Mr. Keller served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, was a member of the Moorefield Veterans of Foreign Wars and

### A MESSAGE TO BRETHREN ALUMNI IN THE CONCORD, N.C. AREA

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the American Legion and was past Post Commander and member of the 40&8. He is survived by his wife, the former Leona Garrett.

**Charles Eller Foster, '54**, of Boones Mill, Va., died Feb. 14, 1994. Mr. Foster had been ill for six months with cancer. He was retired from General Electric. Survivors include his wife, Mandy Barnhart Foster, and

a son, **Chris Foster, '84**, of Rocky Mount, Va.

**Paul L. Botkin, '57**, of Waynesboro, Va., died Feb. 9, 1996, at the age of 59. He worked as a clerk at the Colony House Motor Lodge and served as organist and choir director at St. Marks United Methodist Church since 1983. Mr. Botkin also served as an umpire for various baseball leagues and was

a substitute teacher in several school systems.

**Melvin O. Wiggins Jr., '60**, of Staunton, Va., died Jan. 22, 1996, at the age of 64. After graduating from Bridgewater College, he received a master's degree from the University of Virginia. Mr. Wiggins was a teacher, worked for the Internal Revenue Service and was a woodworker. He served in the Air

Force for four years and was a former member of the Staunton Rotary Club and Staunton Country Club.

**Michael C. Betts, '68**, of Lakewood, Colo., died March 7 of cancer. He was 49. After graduating from Bridgewater College, he served in the Air Force. He was a corporate auditor and partner in the Denver office of KPMG Peat Marwick.

## Remembering Maari Ann Spencer, '95

**Maari Ann Spencer, '95**, of Ruckersville, Va., died March 12, 1996, of cancer, after battling her illness with a variety of treatments, including chemotherapy and a transplant of her own bone marrow that had been harvested and cleansed. Miss Spencer is survived by her parents, **Clinton E. Spencer Jr., '75**, and **Judy Shifflett Spencer, '70**, and a younger brother, Ryan.

Leiaunna Allen, resident director of Daleville Hall where Miss Spencer lived while a student at Bridgewater, describes her as having a gentle, yet persevering nature; she kept going to classes at Bridgewater while at the same time taking chemotherapy treatments. According to Ms. Allen, "she had the ability to keep focused on what she wanted to achieve." She also noted her uncanny sense of humor — "she saw humor in a lot of things other people might have missed."

President Phillip C. Stone remembers standing at a pay telephone in the Miami Airport, having just returned from a trip to South America, when he learned from his family that Miss Spencer had died. He says "There was such a strong feeling of defeat. Like her family and friends, I had hoped for her recovery. She had a well-founded optimism that she could overcome her terrible illness. Her long, courageous fight

seemed to have given her a chance for life."

Over the months preceding her death, President Stone had many communications with Miss Spencer and her family. The campus community bonded together in support of Miss Spencer as the college chaplain, staff and students went to visit her at Johns Hopkins and sent cards. President Stone commented, "At her memorial service, the presence of so many friends and the confirmation of the love she had shared with others made our feeling of loss even more profound."

Just a few days later, President Stone noted, he saw an old Alumni Magazine with a picture of Miss Spencer as a baby on the Bridgewater campus. She lived in one of the resident halls with her parents who were resident directors. He notes that "her connections with the college as the child of alumni, a resident of the campus as a child, and later, herself a graduate made her a cherished member of the Bridgewater College community."

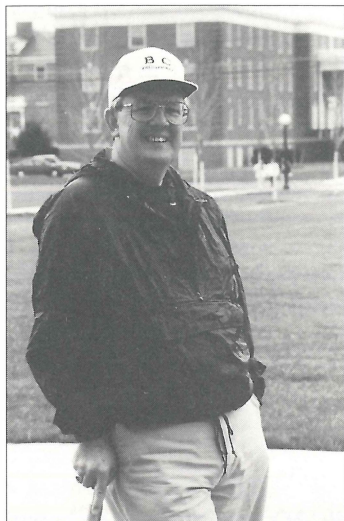
President Stone sums up all of our thoughts when he said "Through our faith we affirm her new life; as her friends we grieve over our loss. She will always be part of the legacy of Bridgewater College. Because of her, we are a better community." ■

— Mary K. Heatwole



# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## *A Community . . .*



*President Stone (with walking stick in hand) awaiting the start of the CROP Walk.*

**I**N THE LAST ALUMNI MAGAZINE, I CALLED ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE PROMOTES ITSELF AS *A College of Character; A Community of Excellence*. In that letter, I wrote about the importance of character development.

In order for Bridgewater College to be effective and successful as an educational institution in which good character and high standards of excellence can be achieved, we must function as a real community. Most of us like to believe that a true spirit of community and connectedness has always prevailed at the College. In fact, many of us perceived the College in our undergraduate days as a family. We remember the close relationships among students, faculty and staff. There are still many tears at graduation from students lamenting the fact that they are leaving this special community.

To be a community as we envision it, Bridgewater College must continue to be an environment where close personal relationships and loyalties develop. But it must be more than that. To be a true community, it is important that each participant in the community be nurtured, affirmed and encouraged. At my request, the faculty recently amended the mission statement of

the College to provide that our mission (to educate and develop the whole person) "is carried out in a learning *community*, with Christian values, high standards of integrity and excellence, affirming and challenging each member." It is not enough that some, even most of our students, find the campus to be a good environment. We intend that *all* students as well as *all* faculty and staff members find fulfillment and affirmation.

Some students arrive on campus less poised and less confident than others. Some suffer from low self-esteem or are simply unaware of the potential within them. As a learning community, we see it as our mission to help each student develop the poise, confidence and ability to succeed at Bridgewater College and throughout life.

Like any community, we celebrate and we grieve together. We have just celebrated exciting new opportunities and developments on the campus. We also grieved when a 1995 graduate recently died of cancer. Whether in times of celebration or sorrow, we want to encourage and support each other.

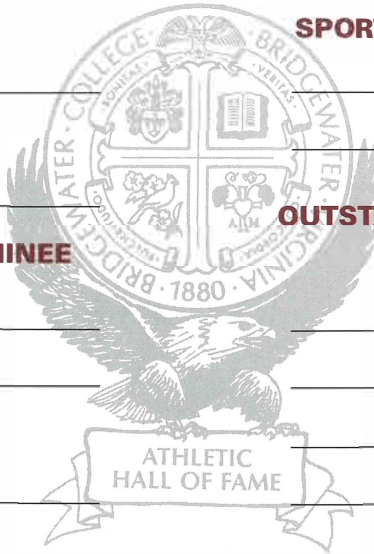
Besides enjoying the benefits and blessings of being part of a true community, we believe it is important to model how a community should function. As a very basic part of their education, we want students to experience community in such a positive way that they will be able to contribute to the development and nurture of community wherever they go.

Our alumni and friends are also members of our extended community. While you cannot interact with us as easily as those on campus, you can participate. Continue to encourage us when you like what you see; tell us honestly how you think we can improve the College; keep us informed about your activities; and support us with financial resources to assure that the College continues to improve in the years ahead. And as members of the *Bridgewater College community*, you are heartily invited to "come home" whenever you can. We like having you here.

Phillip C. Stone  
President

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